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1 [There is no reportable action as a result of the
2 Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THE MAY 30TH, 19-- OR 2006
7 MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
8 BEGIN WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-- I SHOULD SAY BY THE
9 PRAYER BY REVEREND JOHN MOREHOUSE OF THE PACIFIC UNITARIAN
10 CHURCH, RANCHO PALOS VERDES, AND THEN OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
11 BY MARTIN MARGOLIN, WHO'S THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS AT THE SAN
12 FERNANDO VALLEY, POST NUMBER 603 OF THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF
13 THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. PASTOR?

14

15 **REVEREND JOHN T. MOREHOUSE:** LET US BOW OUR HEADS IN PRAYER.
16 DEAR GOD, HOLY SPIRIT, KNOWN BY MANY NAMES, WE ASK YOUR
17 STRENGTH AND BLESSING UPON THESE LEADERS THAT WORK AND THE
18 CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT COUNTY. WE RECALL THE PROUD WORDS OF
19 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., THAT THE WAY TO COMMON GROUND IS
20 TO REACH FOR THE HIGHER GROUND. MAY WE HERE BE ON THAT HIGHER
21 GROUND TODAY, THE GROUND THAT SEEKS TO SERVE ALL OUR CITIZENS,
22 POOR AND WEALTHY ALIKE, THE HIGHER GROUND THAT REMEMBERS WE
23 ARE SERVANTS OF A COMMON GOOD, A GOOD FOR ALL PEOPLE. DEAR
24 GOD, WE ASK FOR YOUR STRENGTH AND PATIENCE AS WE MOVE FORWARD
25 BEYOND POLITICS AND DIFFERENCES TO CREATE FOR YOUR PEOPLE THE



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1 PROMISED LAND, WITH THE GIFT OF LIFE AND THE SMALL WISDOMS WE
2 HAVE, WE ARE THANKFUL. WE ASK YOUR BLESSING THIS DAY. AMEN.

3

4 **MARTIN MARGOLIN:** EVERYBODY JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF
5 ALLEGIANCE, PUT YOUR HAND OVER YOUR HEART. [PLEDGE OF
6 ALLEGIANCE]

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. PLEASE
11 BE SEATED. I'D LIKE TO MAKE A PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF
12 APPRECIATION TO THE REVEREND JOHN MOREHOUSE FOR LEADING US IN
13 THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING. WE ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME HIM HERE.
14 AS WAS MENTIONED, HE IS A MINISTER AT THE PACIFIC UNITARIAN
15 CHURCH IN RANCHO PALOS VERDES AND IS A FOURTH GENERATION
16 UNITARIAN AND HAS SERVED CHURCHES IN INDIANA, OHIO, MARYLAND
17 AND CALIFORNIA. HE GRADUATED FROM GRINNELL COLLEGE AND
18 RECEIVED HIS MASTER'S OF DIVINITY DEGREE FROM THE MEADVILLE
19 LOMBARD THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO. HE'S
20 AN AVID TEACHER, HAVING TAUGHT IN CHURCHES AND COMMUNITY
21 COLLEGE. HE'S ALSO AN EXPERIENCED COMMUNITY ORGANIZER, HAVING
22 SERVED ON A HUMAN'S RIGHTS COMMISSION. REVEREND MOREHOUSE IS
23 MARRIED TO THE LOVE OF HIS LIFE, FRANCES. THEY HAVE FIVE
24 DAUGHTERS AND THREE GRANDCHILDREN. SO, ON BEHALF MYSELF AND MY
25 COLLEAGUES, REVEREND MOREHOUSE, WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT YOU THIS



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1 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION, AND SAY THANK YOU AND WE
2 APPRECIATE YOU COMING DOWN. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IT'S A PLEASURE TO WELCOME TODAY TO
5 LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE MARTIN MARGOLIN, WHO
6 RESIDES IN NORTH HILLS IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. HE SERVED
7 IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AIR CORPS DURING WORLD WAR II
8 BETWEEN 1942 AND 1945 AND WAS WITH THE 94TH AIR FORCE SQUADRON
9 AND PARTICIPATED IN BATTLES IN ITALY, ROME. HE'S A STRUCTURAL
10 ENGINEER WITH RALPH N. PARSONS IN PASADENA. HE'S MARRIED WITH
11 THREE CHILDREN, HAS LIVED IN THE COUNTY FOR 55 YEARS AND IS A
12 GRADUATE OF THE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY IN ILLINOIS. SO, MR.
13 MARGOLIN, THANK YOU FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE. [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE
16 BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 7, AGENDA FOR THE
17 MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT OF THE
18 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ITEM 1-P.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
21 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 12
24 AND, ON ITEM 7, AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET,



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1 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK
2 TO HIS OFFICE. THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
5 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 13
8 THROUGH 18.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
11 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** I APOLOGIZE. ON ITEM 13, IT'S A 4-VOTE
14 MATTER, SO WE'LL HAVE TO CONTINUE THIS UNTIL WE HAVE-- OR HOLD
15 IT.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE'LL PLACE THAT ON THE TABLE.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER, WEIGHTS AND
20 MEASURES, ITEM 19.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
23 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

24



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BEACHES AND HARBORS, ITEMS 20 THROUGH 22
2 AND, ON ITEM 20, WE'LL ALSO HAVE TO HOLD THIS FOR FOUR VOTES.
3 ITEM 21 AND 22 ARE BEFORE YOU.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
6 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, ITEMS 23
9 THROUGH 27. AND, ON ITEMS 26 AND 27, AS NOTED ON THE GREEN
10 SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET, THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
11 SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE CONTINUED TO WEDNESDAY,
12 JUNE 7TH, 2006.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
15 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CHILDREN'S PLANNING COUNCIL, ITEM 28.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
20 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** FIRE DEPARTMENT, ITEMS 29 AND 30.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
25 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 31 THROUGH 38. ON
3 ITEM 31, SUPERVISOR BURKE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
4 UNTIL JUNE 13TH, 2006. ON ITEM-- EXCUSE ME. ON ITEM 37, HOLD
5 FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND, ON ITEM 38, AS NOTED ON THE
6 GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES
7 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT.
8 THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
11 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** HUMAN RESOURCES, ITEM 39.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
16 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MENTAL HEALTH, ITEM 40 AND, AS NOTED ON THE
19 GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH REQUESTS THAT
20 RECOMMENDATION NUMBERS 8 AND 10 BE REFERRED BACK TO THE
21 DEPARTMENT AND ALSO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WOULD LIKE TO HOLD
22 THIS ITEM. PARKS AND RECREATION, ITEMS 41 THROUGH 43. ON ITEM
23 43, THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION WOULD LIKE TO
24 CONTINUE THIS MATTER TO JUNE 13TH, 2006. ITEMS 41 AND 42 ARE
25 BEFORE YOU.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
3 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PROBATION, ITEM 44.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
8 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC LIBRARY, ITEM 45, SUPERVISOR
11 ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE
12 HELD. PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, ITEM 46. AS NOTED ON THE GREEN
13 SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES
14 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7TH,
15 2006.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
18 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 47 THROUGH 69. ON ITEM
21 47, AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET, THE DIRECTOR OF
22 PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE
23 DEPARTMENT. ON ITEM 48, WE WILL HOLD THIS FOR FOUR VOTES. ON
24 ITEM 49, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
25 HELD. ON ITEM 50, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REQUESTS



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1 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO THE BUDGET DELIBERATIONS
2 BEGINNING JUNE 26TH, 2006. ON ITEM 51, FOR THE RECORD,
3 SUPERVISOR MOLINA VOTES "NO". ON ITEM 54, SUPERVISOR
4 ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND THE REST ARE
5 BEFORE YOU.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
8 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK, ITEM 70,
11 HOLD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM-- OR SHERIFF, ITEMS 71
12 THROUGH 74. ON ITEM 71, WE'LL HOLD THIS FOR FOUR VOTES AND
13 ALSO HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM 72, FOR THE
14 RECORD, SUPERVISOR MOLINA VOTES "NO" ON THIS MATTER. ITEM 73
15 AND 74 ARE BEFORE YOU.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
18 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, ITEMS 75
21 THROUGH 77.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
24 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, ITEMS 78
2 THROUGH 82. ON ITEM 78, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT
3 THIS ITEM BE HELD AND, ON ITEM 80, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY ALSO
4 REQUESTS THIS ITEM TO BE HELD. 79, 81 AND 82 ARE BEFORE YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
7 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION, ON ITEM 83,
10 I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2,
11 ADMINISTRATION, TITLE 8, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND BUSINESS
12 REGULATIONS, TITLE 10, ANIMALS, TITLE 11, HEALTH AND SAFETY,
13 TITLE 12, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, AND TITLE 20, UTILITIES OF
14 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE TO CREATE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
15 HEALTH AND THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH. ON
16 THIS ITEM, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR BURKE AND MEMBERS OF THE
17 PUBLIC. ON ITEM 84, I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN, AN ORDINANCE
18 AMENDING TITLE 6, SALARIES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING
19 TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. AGAIN, ON
20 THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR BURKE REQUESTS THE ITEM TO BE HELD. ON
21 85, I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD, AN ORDINANCE
22 AMENDING TITLE 3, ADVISORY COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES OF THE
23 LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
24 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FIRST PROPOSITION 10 COMMISSION. THIS
25 MATTER IS BEFORE YOU.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
3 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEM 86 THROUGH 89. ON
6 86, I'LL READ THE SHORT RECOMMENDATION FROM THE TREASURER AND
7 TAX COLLECTOR, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE
8 AND SALE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY
9 COLLEGE DISTRICTS, 2006/2007, TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION
10 NOTES AND PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF PARTICIPATION OR
11 CERTIFICATES IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$53
12 MILLION.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED.
15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 87, SUPERVISOR BURKE REQUESTS THAT
18 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 88, AFTER TABULATING THE BALLOTS
19 SUBMITTED, A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY
20 PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND LEVY
21 ASSESSMENTS FOR ZONE NUMBER 77, WEST CREEK PARK, ZONE NUMBER
22 69, WEST CREEK CANYON ESTATES AND IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO
23 ADOPT THE RESOLUTIONS ORDERING THE ANNEXATIONS AND LEVYING OF
24 ASSESSMENTS FOR THE ZONES AND THAT THE REPORT ON THE



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1 TABULATION OF ASSESSMENT BALLOTS FOR THE 15 ZONES IN THE SANTA
2 CLARITA AREA BE CONTINUED TO WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7TH, 2006.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
5 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 89, AFTER TABULATING THE BALLOTS
8 SUBMITTED, A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT A MAJORITY
9 PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE EXPANSION AND LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS
10 FOR DRAINAGE BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AREA NUMBER 24. THEREFORE, IT
11 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO REFER THE MATTER BACK TO THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED.
15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MISCELLANEOUS, ITEM 90, ADDITIONS TO THE
18 AGENDA REQUESTED BY THE BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF
19 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN
20 ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL
21 AGENDA. ITEM 90-A, SUPERVISOR KNABE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND
22 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. 90-B.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
25 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 90-C.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
5 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 90-D.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
10 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 90-E.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO MOVED. SECONDED BY BURKE. WITHOUT
15 OBJECTION. SO ORDERED.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 90-F.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO MOVED. SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT
20 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 90-G.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO MOVED. SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
25 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON 90-H, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT
3 THIS ITEM BE HELD. 90-I.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
6 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.
9 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL
10 DISTRICT NO. 1.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET US DO THE 4-ITEM NUMBERS.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ABSOLUTELY. IF WE COULD GO BACK TO AGENDA
15 ITEM NUMBER 13, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED.
18 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 20, BEACHES AND HARBORS.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
23 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

24



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** I BELIEVE ITEM 40-- 48, THAT'S PUBLIC
2 WORKS.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
5 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND ON ITEM 71, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED.
10 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OH, I'M SORRY, 71 WAS HELD BY A MEMBER OF
13 THE PUBLIC.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED,
16 TO RECONSIDER. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED BECAUSE OF IT
17 BEING HELD.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. THE AGENDA IS COMPLETED AND
20 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL
21 DISTRICT NUMBER 1.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** I ONLY HAVE THE SMART BUSINESS ITEMS. I DON'T
2 KNOW. IS THAT-- WHO IS THE LEAD PERSON ON THAT? ON THE SMART
3 BUSINESS THAT EACH ONE OF US HAS THE PRESENTATIONS TO MAKE.
4 YOU ARE?

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES.

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8 **SUP. BURKE:** DO YOU WANT TO DO IT NOW OR...

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DOESN'T MATTER.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** I DON'T KNOW WHETHER HE HAS...

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO YOU HAVE ANY PRESENTATIONS?

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, I DON'T.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** DO YOU WANT TO GO ON WITH YOURS, THEN.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PRESENTATIONS?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAVE-- WHAT?

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** PRESENTATIONS. YOU HAVE PRESENTATIONS? WHY DON'T
25 YOU GO ON WITH YOURS.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES
5 AND GENTLEMEN. UPSTAIRS EARLIER WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO
6 PRESENT SOME CERTIFICATES OF AWARD TO A NUMBER OF YOUNG
7 STUDENTS FROM OUR OPERATION READ PROGRAM. I'M GOING TO ASK THE
8 FOLKS THAT REALLY MAKE THIS POSSIBLE TO JOIN ME UP HERE. WE
9 HAVE LYNN LEE, WHO IS THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR THE ASIAN YOUTH
10 CENTER, WE HAVE VICKY WONG, WHO IS THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF THE
11 CHINATOWN SERVICE CENTER, WE HAVE DON RODRIGUEZ, WHO IS THE
12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LONG BEACH BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB AND
13 WE HAVE MRS. PRECIOUS WILLIAMS, THE SITE COORDINATOR FOR NEW
14 DIRECTIONS FOR YOUTH AND WE HAVE THERESA MCCLELLAN, WHO IS THE
15 PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR-- COORDINATOR, EXCUSE ME, FOR PEOPLE WHO
16 CARE. THEN, AS I MENTIONED, WE HONOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE AND
17 I'M GOING TO ASK OUR OPERATION READ HONOREES TO PLEASE STAND
18 WHO ARE OUT IN THE AUDIENCE. LET'S GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF
19 APPLAUSE. COME ON, KIDS. STAND UP. [APPLAUSE]

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN AND WE'RE PROUD OF YOU, SO
22 WE APPRECIATE YOU BEING HERE. WHEN THIS BOARD CREATED THIS
23 PROGRAM, OUR GOAL WAS TO INCREASE THE LITERACY OF THE CHILDREN
24 IN OUR CARE AND I'M HAPPY TO SAY THAT OPERATION READ HAS
25 HELPED OVER 6,000 STUDENTS RAISE THEIR READING LEVEL AND THIS



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1 HAS HELPED THEM IN REACHING THEIR EDUCATIONAL GOALS AS WELL AS
2 INCREASING THEIR SELF-ESTEEM AND PREVENTING RECIDIVISM. THESE
3 FIVE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT I'M GOING TO HONOR
4 TODAY ARE BEING RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO YOUTH AND
5 TO THIS LITERACY PROGRAM, AS DEMONSTRATED BY PROVIDING THE
6 TUTORING INSTRUCTION NECESSARY TO THE YOUNGSTERS IN THE
7 COMMUNITY, AND THEIR STRONG SUPPORT AND COOPERATION IN MAKING
8 A PROGRAM LIKE THIS A REALITY WILL HELP TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT
9 THIS PROGRAM IN THE FUTURE, SO WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT. SO,
10 FIRST OF ALL, FROM THE ASIAN YOUTH CENTER, LYNN LEE. [
11 APPLAUSE]

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13 **SUP. KNABE:** VICKY WONG FROM THE CHINATOWN SERVICE CENTER. [
14 APPLAUSE]

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16 **SUP. KNABE:** DON RODRIGUEZ FROM THE LONG BEACH BOYS AND GIRLS
17 CLUB. [APPLAUSE]

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** PRECIOUS WILLIAMS, SITE COORDINATOR FOR NEW
20 DIRECTIONS FOR YOUTH. [APPLAUSE]

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22 **SUP. KNABE:** FINALLY, THERESA MCCLELLAN, PROGRAM COORDINATOR
23 FOR PEOPLE WHO CARE. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SPEAKER:** YES. ON BEHALF OF CHIEF TAYLOR AND THE PROBATION
2 DEPARTMENT, WE'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THE BOARD
3 FOR THIS PRESENTATION. THE C.B.O.S, AS THE SUPERVISOR HAS
4 MENTIONED, HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN THE LIVES OF SO MANY OF
5 OUR PROBATION YOUTH. WITHOUT THEIR EFFORTS, A NUMBER OF YOU
6 COULD NOT HAVE GRADUATED, SO WE REALLY WANT TO THANK THEM.
7 SINCE THEIR INCEPTION, THEY HAVE BEEN FUNDAMENTAL TO OUR
8 PROGRAM OF REHABILITATING YOUTH AND CERTAINLY THE DAY SPEAKS
9 TO THEIR EFFORTS IN DOING THAT. SO, AGAIN, ON BEHALF OF OUR
10 DEPARTMENT, WE'D LIKE TO THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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12 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT. I WAS GOING TO ASK THE DEPARTMENT TO
13 SAY SOMETHING AND THEY ALREADY DID BUT I WANT TO SAY-- DID ANY
14 ONE OF YOU-- ONE OF THE GROUPS LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING ON THE
15 ORGANIZATION? NO? YOU'RE JUST GOING TO SMILE? ALL RIGHT. BIG
16 ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO OUR COMMUNITY-BASED GROUPS. [APPLAUSE]

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** BOB TAYLOR, OUR CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER. BOB, DO
19 YOU WANT TO SAY A COUPLE OF WORDS? QUICK?

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21 **BOB TAYLOR:** EARLIER TODAY, WE TALKED ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF
22 READING. THE ONLY WAY THAT WE BECOME A FUNCTIONAL SOCIETY IS
23 IF WE HAVE THIS BASIC QUALITY OF READING AND THERE ARE FAR TOO
24 MANY OF OUR YOUTH, PARTICULARLY IN OUR CAMPS AND OUR HALLS,
25 LACK THE ESSENTIAL SKILL OF READING. WE DID A SURVEY RECENTLY,



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1 WE FOUND OUT THAT THE AVERAGE GRADE LEVEL FOR THESE 16 AND 17-
2 YEAR-OLDS IN OUR CAMP WAS AT THE FOURTH GRADE LEVEL. SO
3 READING IS YOUR FUTURE AND I INVITE ANYBODY THAT ENGAGES IN
4 READING TO CONTINUE THAT PRACTICE BECAUSE PRACTICE MAKES
5 PERFECT. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** THANKS AGAIN TO OUR COMMUNITY-BASED GROUP BUT,
8 MORE IMPORTANTLY, THANK YOU TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE, THEIR MOMS,
9 DADS, AUNTS AND UNCLES, AND GRANDPARENTS, WHOEVER GOT THEM
10 DOWN HERE, A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR OUR KIDS. [APPLAUSE]

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WELL, THIS MORNING, THE BOARD IS
13 PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE 25 OUTSTANDING BUSINESSES WHO ARE BEING
14 HONORED FOR THEIR RECYCLING EFFORTS AS PART OF OUR COUNTY'S
15 SMART BUSINESS RECYCLING PROGRAM. DON WOLFE IS THE DIRECTOR OF
16 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND IS GOING TO JOIN ME IN THIS
17 EFFORT. IN 1964, THE COUNTY INITIATED THIS INNOVATIVE SMART
18 BUSINESS RECYCLING PROGRAM TO PROMOTE RECYCLING IN THE
19 COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS OF OUR UNINCORPORATED
20 SECTIONS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS,
21 MORE THAN 1,000 BUSINESSES HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE PROGRAM
22 ADMINISTERED BY PUBLIC WORKS, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO
23 INCREASING THAT INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMING YEARS. TO RECOGNIZE
24 THE FIFTH DISTRICT RECIPIENT IS THE ARMENIAN SISTERS ACADEMY
25 IN MONTROSE, WHICH PROVIDES CHILDREN WITH A TRADITIONAL



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1 EDUCATION PLUS LESSONS ON ARMENIAN HISTORY AND CULTURAL
2 TRADITIONS. RECYCLING ALL PAPER MATERIALS AND EDUCATING
3 STUDENTS ARE PART OF THE ACADEMY'S WASTE REDUCTION RECYCLING
4 PROGRAM. THEY ALSO RECYCLE DEBRIS MATERIALS FROM CONSTRUCTION
5 AND DEMOLITION PROJECTS. THIS YEAR, THE ACADEMY DIVERTED
6 NEARLY 14 TONS OF TRASH FROM LANDFILLS. ACCEPTING THIS AWARD
7 IS SISTER LUCIA HIKE, PRINCIPAL OF THE ACADEMY, AND ARMEN
8 SHAREKIAN OF THE ACADEMY. [APPLAUSE]

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE, LOCATED IN THE
11 COVINA AREA, HAS ALREADY BEEN RECYCLING METALS, TEXTILES AND
12 CARDBOARD. BY IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS IN 2004, THEY WERE
13 ABLE TO DIVERT TENNIS SHOES, BOOKS AND NEWSPAPERS IN ADDITION
14 TO DOUBLING THEIR CARDBOARD RECYCLING. AS A RESULT, THEY ARE
15 NOW ANNUALLY DIVERTING OVER 800 TONS OF MATERIALS WHILE
16 REDUCING DISPOSAL TO BELOW 120 TONS A YEAR. THE THRIFT STORE
17 IS ALSO A CALIFORNIA CERTIFIED COLLECTOR FOR ELECTRONIC WASTE.
18 THEY HAVE DIVERTED 826 TONS OF WASTE THIS YEAR. ACCEPTING THE
19 AWARD ARE MABEL AND ALEJANDRO AROSTIJI FROM THE COMMUNITY
20 THRIFT STORE. [APPLAUSE]

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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24 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU. WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE FIRST,
25 COTTON KNIT TRADING, INC. AND THEY'RE LOCATED IN COMPTON, AND



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1 COTTON KNIT TRADING IS AN ORGANIC CLOTHES MANUFACTURING
2 COMPANY WHO REALLY CARES ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT. COTTON KNIT
3 DONATES OLD, UNUSABLE OR TANGLED THREAD AND YARN TO THE LOS
4 ANGELES COUNTY CHILDREN'S MUSEUM AND TO THE REDISCOVER CENTER
5 IN SANTA MONICA FOR REUSE. OTHER WASTE REDUCTION PROGRAMS
6 INCLUDE WOOD PALLETS, THE RECYCLE PROGRAM, REDUCED PALLET
7 DELIVERIES WITH STRETCH WRAP, REDUCED PAPER USAGE WITH ONLINE
8 COMPUTER USAGE, RECYCLE CARDBOARD, LDPE FILM PLASTICS
9 RECYCLING, TONE CARTRIDGE RECYCLING AND REUSE OF CARDBOARD
10 BOXES. THEY WERE NOMINATED FOR AWARD DUE TO 86% DIVERSION RATE
11 AND 59 TONS YEARLY NEWLY IMPLEMENTED DIVERSION AMOUNT. [
12 APPLAUSE]

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14 **SUP. BURKE:** LEX WEST, LLC. THEY'RE LOCATED ON ALAMEDA, 9901
15 SOUTH ALAMEDA IN LOS ANGELES. LEX WEST IS A MANUFACTURER AND
16 DISTRIBUTOR OF COILS OF SHEET METAL. THEY RECYCLE A VERY LARGE
17 AMOUNT OF SCRAP METALS. THEIR OFFICE STAFF PRACTICES WASTE
18 REDUCTION BY REUSING PAPER. LEX WES ALSO RECYCLES BROKEN WOOD
19 PALLETS, REPAIRS AND REUSES THEM. NOMINATED FOR THE AWARD DUE
20 TO 99% DIVERSION RATE AND 2,619 TONS EACH YEAR OF DIVERSION
21 AMOUNT. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** PLAINS EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION COMPANY AND
24 THEY'RE LOCATED AT 5640 SOUTH FAIRFAX. PLAINS EXPLORATION AND
25 PRODUCTION COMPANY IS A PETROLEUM CRUDE OIL MINING BUSINESS.



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1 THEY RECYCLE A VERY LARGE AMOUNT OF SCRAP METAL. AS A RESULT
2 OF OUR OUTREACH WITH THEM, PLAINS EXPLORATION NOW RETURNS
3 THEIR WOOD PALLETS TO VENDORS FOR RECYCLING, REPAIR AND REUSE,
4 APPROXIMATELY A HUNDRED PALLETS A MONTH. THEY WERE NOMINATED
5 FOR THE AWARD DUE TO 91% DIVERSION RATE AND 101 TONS EACH YEAR
6 OF NEWLY IMPLEMENTED DIVERSION AND 969 TONS A YEAR OF TOTAL
7 DIVERSION. PLAINS. [APPLAUSE]

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9 **SUP. BURKE:** AND, FINALLY, STEWART FILM SCREEN CORPORATION AND
10 THEY'RE AT 1161 SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD IN TORRANCE AND STEWART'S
11 FILM SCREEN CORPORATION IS A MANUFACTURER OF PROJECTION
12 SCREENS. THEY'RE LOCATED IN TORRANCE AND THIS BUSINESS
13 RECYCLES 45,000 POUNDS A YEAR OF P.V.C., P.V.A. PLASTIC
14 MATERIALS INTO CEMENT KILN PROCESSES. THEY REUSE PVC PLASTIC
15 SHEETING MANY TIMES UNTIL WORN OUT. THEY ALSO RECYCLE BROKEN
16 WOOD PALLETS AND SCRAP METALS AND THEY WERE NOMINATED FOR THE
17 AWARD DUE TO 84% DIVERSION RATE AND 1,230 TONS A YEAR OF
18 DIVERSION. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO JOIN WITH MY
23 COLLEAGUES IN MAKING THESE PRESENTATIONS. RECYCLING IS A
24 PROGRAM THAT, MANY YEARS AGO, PEOPLE JUST DIDN'T WANT TO
25 INVEST IN AND OUR OWN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS HAS DONE A



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1 GREAT JOB AT ENCOURAGING MANY OF THE BUSINESSES TO DO SO. SO
2 WE'RE VERY PROUD. WE ALSO HAVE FIVE IN OUR DISTRICT BUT,
3 TODAY, ONLY THREE OF THEM WERE ABLE TO SHOW UP. TO BEGIN WITH,
4 I'D LIKE TO INVITE MR. NICK TAPADIA, REPRESENTING THE 99 CENT
5 STORE ONLY STORES LOCATED IN UNION PACIFIC. CONGRATULATIONS,
6 SIR, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR JOINING US TODAY. [APPLAUSE]

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, SIR. CONGRATULATIONS. ALSO IS MS.
9 SACORA SANCHEZ. SHE REPRESENTS TOP VALUE MARKET, WHICH IS
10 LOCATED IN EAST LOS ANGELES. CONGRATULATIONS. THANK YOU. [
11 APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND ONE OF THE LAST THREE CANDIDATES UP HERE IS
14 MISS LINDA MENDOZA WHO REPRESENTS THE WEATHERITE SERVICE
15 CORPORATION, WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF WALNUT.
16 CONGRATULATIONS. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN, WE CONGRATULATE THESE FIRMS. THERE ARE TWO
19 OTHER FIRMS IN MY DISTRICT WHO WEREN'T HERE TODAY AND THEY
20 WERE THE MIGHTY SOY, INC., WHICH IS LOCATED IN EAST LOS
21 ANGELES AND THE SINCLAIR PRINTING COMPANY, ALSO IN EAST L.A.
22 AND CITY TERRACE. WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE ALL OF THEM FOR
23 DOING AN OUTSTANDING JOB AND IT'S A PLEASURE TO REPRESENT YOU.
24 THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** I'M SORRY. I FAILED TO RECOGNIZE SOME OF THOSE
2 COMPANIES THAT WEREN'T HERE. TEAM MANUFACTURING IN COMPTON,
3 TOM AND GLAZER IN RANCHO DOMINGUEZ, WIND LINE, INC. AND THEY
4 ARE IN GARDENA, MANUFACTURER OF POLISHED STAINLESS STEEL.
5 ACTUALLY, TOM AND GLAZER IS A FOOD MANUFACTURER AND
6 DISTRIBUTOR. AND ALEXANDER'S MEAT, A GOURMET MEAT MARKET.
7 THEY'RE IN SAN GABRIEL. I THINK THEY'RE SOMEONE ELSE'S. AND
8 FALCON FOAM, WHO IS ON TOWN AVENUE IN LOS ANGELES AND THEY'RE
9 A MANUFACTURER OF PLASTIC FOAM AND ROOFING AND I THINK THAT
10 CONCLUDES ALL OF MINE.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WANT TO PRESENT THIS PLAQUE TO COREY
15 WALKY, WHO IS THE OWNER OF MILL CREEK RIDING SCHOOLS IN
16 TOPANGA. MILL CREEK EQUESTRIAN CENTER IS A FULL SERVICE HORSE
17 BOARDING RIDING AND TRAINING FACILITY LOCATED IN THE SANTA
18 MONICA MOUNTAINS. TO REDUCE DISPOSAL OF LARGE AMOUNTS OF
19 MANURE GENERATED AT THE FACILITY, MILL CREEK NOW PROMOTES THE
20 REUSE OF MANURE IN COMPOST BY ENCOURAGING LOCAL GARDENERS TO
21 PICK UP THE MANURE ON A REGULAR BASIS. ADVERTISING THE
22 AVAILABILITY OF MANURE IS DONE IN LOCAL PAPERS AND CAL MAX
23 WASTE EXCHANGE AND BY WORD OF MOUTH IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.
24 NOMINATED FOR AWARD-- THEY'RE BEING NOMINATED FOR THIS AWARD
25 DUE TO A 99% DIVERSION RATE AND 1,469 TONS A YEAR NEWLY



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1 IMPLEMENTED DIVERSION AMOUNT. SO, COREY, CONGRATULATIONS AND
2 THANKS FOR HELPING TO CONTRIBUTE TO A CLEANER SANTA MONICA
3 BAY. [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT'S MY PLEASURE
6 TO JOIN IN CELEBRATION AS WELL AS WE HONOR THESE SMART
7 BUSINESS PROGRAM RECYCLERS. FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO CALL UP
8 TAMARA KIRBY, WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF ALBERTSON'S GROCERY STORE
9 IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS. THE ALBERTSON'S IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS HAS
10 ADOPTED SOME GREAT PROGRAMS AS PART OF THEIR OPERATIONS. THEY
11 OFFER A REDEMPTION OF FIVE CENTS PER BAG FOR THE GROCERY BAGS
12 RETURNED. THEY HAVE REDUCED THE NUMBER OF WOOD PALLETS BY SOME
13 85% BY REPLACING THEM WITH MORE DURABLE, REUSABLE PLASTICS
14 PALLETS. OTHER WASTE REDUCTION PROGRAMS INCLUDE CARDBOARD AND
15 PAPER RECYCLING AS WELL AS TOTE CONTAINER REUSE, GREASE, FAT
16 AND BONE RECYCLING, FOOD DONATIONS, FILM AND PLASTIC AND
17 SHRIMP-- SHRIMP-- YOU SELL SHRIMP, THOUGH, TOO, AND SHRINK
18 WRAP RECYCLING. TAMARA, CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** NEXT, WE HAVE MARK MORA, WHO IS THE ENGINEERING
21 SUPERVISOR AT THE MARINA DEL RAY MARRIOTT. MARINA DEL RAY
22 MARRIOTT HAS SEEN COST SAVINGS BY STARTING A VERY LARGE
23 RECYCLING PROGRAM AND BY REDUCED THEIR WASTE. THE MARRIOTT HAS
24 ADOPTED ONLINE COMPUTER PROGRAMS THAT HAVE GREATLY REDUCED
25 PAPER USAGE AND PRINTING OF DOCUMENTS. THEY HAVE SET UP AN



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1 EXTENSIVE CRV AND NON-CRV CANS AND BOTTLES RECYCLING PROGRAM
2 THAT COLLECTS SOME EIGHT CUBIC YARDS PER MONTH. OTHER WASTE
3 REDUCTION AND RECYCLING PROGRAMS INCLUDE GREEN WASTE
4 RECYCLING, BALE CARDBOARD FOR RECYCLING, MIXED PAPER
5 RECYCLING, TONER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING, CARDBOARD BOX REUSE AND
6 FURNITURE DONATIONS. MARK, CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** NEXT WE HAVE MIKE AZURSKI, WHO IS THE STORE
9 MANAGER FOR THE VON'S IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS. THE VON'S GROCERY
10 STORE IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS HAS MADE GREAT STRIDES IN WASTE
11 REDUCTION OVER THE LAST DECADE BY DONATING FOOD, INCLUDING
12 DAY-OLD BREAD, REUSING TOTES, RECYCLING GREASE, BONES AND FAT,
13 BALE AND RECYCLING ALL CARDBOARD, REUSING CARDBOARD BOXES,
14 RECYCLING TONER CARTRIDGES AND REDUCING PAPER USAGE WITH MANY
15 ONLINE PROGRAMS. AND VON'S EMPLOYEES HAVE STARTED AN INTERNAL
16 CRV CANS AND BOTTLES RECYCLE PROGRAM. CONGRATULATIONS, MIKE.
17 THANKS TO VON'S. [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THIS MONTH OF MAY, WE HAD PROCLAIMED
20 LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ASIAN/PACIFIC
21 ISLANDERS IN AMERICAN SOCIETY, MAY 2006 AS ASIAN/PACIFIC
22 AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY. JOINING ME THIS
23 MORNING ARE SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE L.A. COUNTY ASIAN-AMERICAN
24 EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION. WENDY WATANABE, WHO IS THE VICE
25 PRESIDENT, LISA KANADA, WHO IS A BOARD MEMBER; KAREN LEE,



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1 RECORDING SECRETARY; BOARD MEMBERS, SUSAN KUDO LEE, SHI
2 KIKAWA, AND MASON FONG AND HOWARD TAKITA. IN MAY 1990,
3 PRESIDENT GEORGE H.W. BUSH DESIGNATED MAY TO BE ASIAN PACIFIC
4 AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, COMMEMORATING THE IMMIGRATION OF THE
5 FIRST JAPANESE TO THE UNITED STATES ON MAY 7TH, 1843 AND TO
6 MARK THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD
7 COMPLETED BY CHINESE IMMIGRANTS ON MAY 10TH, 1869. [GAVEL]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ACROSS OUR COUNTRY AND COUNTY, ASIAN-
10 AMERICANS REPRESENT MANY NATIONS AND ETHNIC GROUPS WITHIN
11 THEIR OWN CULTURE, HERITAGE, LANGUAGE AND EXPERIENCE. WITHIN
12 OUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT, WE HAVE MANY ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING
13 DIVERSE ASIAN ETHIC GROUPS, INCLUDING THE FILIPINO-AMERICAN
14 EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION AND THE VIETNAMESE EMPLOYEES
15 ASSOCIATION. ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IS
16 CELEBRATED WITH COMMUNITY FESTIVALS, GOVERNMENT SPONSORED
17 ACTIVITIES AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS. EARLIER
18 THIS MONTH, THE ASIAN-AMERICAN EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION HELD A
19 VERY SUCCESSFUL EVENT HONORING NINE OF THE ASIAN PACIFIC BOARD
20 DEPUTIES, INCLUDING TWO MEMBERS OF MY OFFICE. NOW WE RESOLVE
21 THAT MAY 2006 IS ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
22 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MAYOR MICHAEL ANTONOVICH AND
25 THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. FIRST, WE WOULD LIKE TO



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1 EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO YOU FOR COMMEMORATING THE MONTH OF
2 MAY AS THE ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDERS HERITAGE MONTH. ON BEHALF
3 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ASIAN-AMERICAN EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION
4 AND OUR PRESIDENT, MR. HENRY YE, WHO COULDN'T BE HERE TODAY,
5 WE SINCERELY THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECOGNITION AND THE
6 PROCLAMATION. OUR ASSOCIATION COMPRISED OF 400 ACTIVE MEMBERS.
7 THEY ARE CURRENT COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND RETIREE EMPLOYEES. OUR
8 PURPOSE IS TO SUPPORT THE EMPLOYEES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
9 AND TO BE A VOICE IN THE ASIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND THROUGH
10 VARIOUS MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS. AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR
11 YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR ASSOCIATION. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** TO CELEBRATE THE DIVERSE OFFERINGS OF
14 OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY RIVER SYSTEM, TODAY THE BOARD HAS
15 PROCLAIMED THE MONTH OF JUNE AS DISCOVER LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S
16 RIVERS MONTH THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. DON WOLFE, WHO IS THE
17 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, IS HERE TO HELP WITH THIS
18 PRESENTATION. ON JUNE 13TH, 1996, THE BOARD ADOPTED THE L.A.
19 RIVER MASTER PLAN TO INCREASE EFFORTS TO PRESERVE OUR NATURAL
20 RESOURCES. THIS LANDMARK DECISION VALIDATED THE RIVER'S
21 POTENTIAL AS MORE THAN JUST A CORRIDOR FOR EVACUATING STORM
22 WATER IN L.A. COUNTY'S VAST URBAN LANDSCAPE. IT ALSO
23 ACKNOWLEDGED THE RIVER'S VALUE AS A RESOURCE FOR COMMUNITY
24 RECREATION AND IMPORTANT ENVIRONMENTAL HABITAT. THE YEARS-- 10
25 YEARS LATER, OUR MASTER PLAN EFFORTS, LED BY THE COUNTY OF LOS



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1 ANGELES, HAVE RESULTED IN A 112-MILLION-DOLLAR INVESTMENT IN
2 POCKET PARKS, RIVER GATEWAYED ENHANCEMENTS, LANDSCAPE
3 IMPROVEMENTS, BIKEWAY REST STATIONS, AND OTHER BEAUTIFICATION
4 AND RECREATIONAL PROJECTS. SPEARHEADING THESE EFFORTS IS AN
5 ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF 50 MEMBERS REPRESENTING FEDERAL, STATE,
6 CITY AND LOCAL AGENCIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY
7 GROUPS. IN JUNE, THEY WILL MARK YET ANOTHER MILESTONE IN
8 REGIONAL WATERSHED MANAGEMENT WHEN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
9 CONSIDERS THE ADOPTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER MASTER PLAN.
10 SO, AT THIS TIME, LET ME MAKE THE PRESENTATION TO DON WOLFE,
11 WHO IS OUR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **DON WOLFE:** THANK YOU, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF THE
14 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IT GIVES THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
15 GREAT PLEASURE TO CARRY OUT THIS BOARD'S VISION OF THE FUTURE
16 OF THE LOS ANGELES RIVER, SAN GABRIEL RIVER AND THE OTHER
17 RIVERS THAT SERVE OUR GREAT COUNTY. THEY'RE NOT JUST FLOOD
18 CONTROL FACILITIES. THEY'RE THERE FOR RECREATION AND TO-- AS
19 OPPOSED TO BEING A BLIGHT ON OUR COMMUNITY, TO ADD TO THE
20 ENHANCEMENTS AND THE AESTHETICS OF THE COMMUNITY AND WE'RE
21 WORKING VERY HARD TO ACHIEVE THAT VISION AND WE ENJOIN YOU TO
22 HELP US IN DOING THAT, GET YOUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS
23 INVOLVED. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THIS WEEK WE HAVE A-- CASIE, WHO
2 IS A WELSH CORGI MIX, A LITTLE BOY WHO IS 20 WEEKS OLD. EXCUSE
3 ME. HE'S 28 WEEKS OLD AND HE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. SO
4 ANYBODY'D LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE CASIE, SEE EVERYBODY? YOU CAN
5 CALL THE NUMBER AT THE BOTTOM OF YOUR SCREEN, (562) 728-4644
6 OR ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE
7 CASIE, HE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. HE'S 28 WEEKS OLD. MAYBE HE
8 WANTS TO GO TO WEST L.A.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LONG MEETING, MIKE. IT'S 2:00, MIKE.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DON'T LIKE DOGS, HUH? WHAT DID THE MAN
13 SAY ABOUT THE PEOPLE THAT DON'T LIKE DOGS? I'M SURE BARBARA
14 WOULD LOVE TO HAVE HIM. CORGI MIX. WHO'S NUMBER ONE? FIRST
15 DISTRICT? OKAY. SUPERVISOR?

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I ONLY HAVE ONE ADJOURNMENT. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT
18 WE ADJOURN THIS MORNING-- THIS AFTERNOON IN THE MEMORY OF
19 ERNEST GUEVARA. HE'S A BELOVED AND LONG-TIME COUNTY EMPLOYEE
20 FOR NEARLY 40 YEARS WITH THE COUNTY WITH THE INTERNAL SERVICES
21 DEPARTMENT. OH. CAN'T HEAR ME? OKAY. HE OFTEN ASSISTED MY
22 STAFF. THIS IS AN ADJOURNMENT IN THE MEMORY OF ERNEST GUEVARA.
23 HE IS A BELOVED AND LONG-TIME COUNTY EMPLOYEE, 40 YEARS WITH
24 COUNTY SERVICES AT I.S.D. I KNOW HE WAS VERY HELPFUL TO MY



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1 STAFF AND PROBABLY MANY OF YOU. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST
2 CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY, COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT AS WELL.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. IF WE COULD HAVE MR. KNABE ON THAT.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHO WAS THAT? I COULDN'T HEAR.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** ERNEST GUEVARA OF I.S.D. THAT'S THE ONLY
11 ADJOURNMENT I HAVE AND I HAVE NO OTHER SPECIALS.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT'S IT?

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** MM HM.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. LET ME
18 JUST RELEASE MY HOLD ON 40. SO MOVED. SECONDED BY MOLINA.
19 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** ITEM 40?

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO. I HAD A HOLD ON IT. I JUST
24 RELEASED IT.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** OH, OKAY.

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I WAS HOLDING 78 AND 80 BUT I
4 UNDERSTAND THAT COUNTY COUNSEL WANTS IT CONTINUED FOR TWO
5 WEEKS AND I DON'T HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO 78 AND 80, YOU WANT TO CONTINUE FOR
8 TWO WEEKS?

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 78 AND 80 FOR TWO WEEKS.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED TO
13 CONTINUE FOR TWO WEEKS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ANY
14 OTHER ITEMS?

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** DID ANYONE ELSE HOLD 40?

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NO, THEY DID NOT.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. I'M NOT GOING TO HOLD IT, EITHER.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR BURKE.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** I MOVE THAT, WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
25 MEMORY OF REVEREND CLARENCE J. DAVIS WHO WAS BORN AUGUST 4TH,



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1 1917. HE PASSED AWAY ON MAY 24TH. HE WAS A LONG-TIME MEMBER OF
2 THE COMMUNITY AND AN OUTSTANDING SPIRITUAL LEADER. HE WAS
3 PASTOR OF MOUNT HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES FROM
4 OCTOBER 1985 TO THE PRESENT. HE WAS PREVIOUSLY A PASTOR OF
5 CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN SANTA MONICA FROM '69 TO '84. HE WAS
6 A MEMBER OF VARIOUS COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES, INCLUDING
7 N.A.A.C.P., Y.M.C.A., OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY. HE'S SURVIVED
8 BY HIS WIFE, LA VERNE G. DAVIS, A BROTHER, NELSON DAVIS, HIS
9 CHILDREN, FRED DAVIS, MADLINE MARIE GEORGE, CLARENCE J. DAVIS,
10 III, AND CAROLYN BERNICE GRAVES AND EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN. AND
11 NAOMI FUKUSHIMA, WHO WAS BORN JULY 28TH, '75 AND SHE PASSED
12 AWAY MAY 13TH AFTER A LONG BATTLE WITH A RARE CANCER. SHE WAS
13 30. SHE GRADUATED WITH HONORS FROM U.C.L.A. IN 1988, MAJORING
14 IN PSYCHOLOGY. SHE RECEIVED HER M.D. DEGREE FROM YESHIVA
15 UNIVERSITY ALBERT EINSTEIN COLLEGE OF MEDICINE IN 2003 AND
16 BEGAN HER RESIDENCE TRAINING IN OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY AT
17 KAISER PERMANENTE SUNSET. HER DREAM WAS TO PROVIDE CARE FOR
18 AT-RISK ADOLESCENT PATIENTS AND TEEN MOTHERS. SHE HAD TO
19 INTERRUPT HER TRAINING IN 2004 FOR CANCER TREATMENTS. SHE WAS
20 AN AVID TRAVELER AND ENJOYED FINE DINING, READING AND MUSIC.
21 SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER BELOVED HUSBAND, MARK
22 RICHARDSON, HER LOVING PARENTS, DR. TIICHIRO AND WANDA
23 FUKASHIMA AND SISTERS, MAUMEE AND AMY. HER FATHER, DR.
24 TEIISHIRO FUKUSHIMA IS CHAIR OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY AT
25 KING/DREW. AND YOSHIKO KAY KAWATA, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE



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1 SECOND DISTRICT WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY 15TH, SURROUNDED BY HER
2 LOVING FAMILY. YO-YO, AS SHE WAS KNOWN, HAD A VERY LIVELY
3 PERSONALITY AND HER MERE PRESENCE LIGHTED UP A ROOM. HER
4 LAUGHTER WILL BE MISSED BY MANY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
5 HUSBAND OF OVER 46 YEARS, MELVIN AND DAUGHTER, LANI.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
8 ORDERED.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO CALL UP FIRST ITEM 90-A. THIS IS A
11 MOTION-- DO WE HAVE PARKS AND REC HERE? I'D LIKE TO GET PARKS
12 AND REC HERE. BASICALLY, THIS IS TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR TO
13 HIRE 30 YOUTH WORKERS FOR A TEMPORARY HOURLY BASED ESTIMATED
14 COST OF \$175,000. WHAT HAS HAPPENED IS THAT SO MUCH OF THE
15 MONEY HAS BEEN CUT FOR YOUTH EMPLOYMENT THAT WE'RE MAKING THIS
16 MOTION ALONG WITH SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, AND I BELIEVE IT'S
17 CERTAINLY SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE DONE. I THINK IT WAS HELD
18 BY A COUPLE OF PEOPLE. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, I THINK YOU
19 HELD IT? AND SUPERVISOR KNABE, DID YOU HOLD IT?

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** WHICH ITEM ARE WE ON?

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** IT'S ON THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** 90-A.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT.

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND SUPERVISOR KNABE
5 AS WELL.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I HAD YOU DOWN FOR HOLDING IT. IF NOT,
8 THEN MOVE THE ITEM.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. SECOND.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THANK
13 YOU.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** ITEM 83, 84 AND 87.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I JUST... HEH-HEH.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** WERE YOU HOLDING IT AFTER ALL?

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** NO. I SAID I WAS. I THOUGHT THEY WERE GOING TO-- I
22 DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING BECAUSE I THOUGHT THEY WERE GOING TO MAKE
23 A REPORT OR SOMETHING. THE ISSUE THAT I HAD WAS-- RUSS, COULD
24 YOU COME BACK?

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE AND SECONDED TO
2 RECONSIDER. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, IF I READ EVERYTHING
9 CORRECTLY, THAT THIS PROGRAM IS NOT FULLY FUNDED. IS THAT
10 CORRECT?

11

12 **RUSS GUINEY:** SUPERVISOR, RUSS GUINEY, DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND
13 RECREATION. THE PROGRAM IS NOT FUNDED AT THIS POINT FOR EITHER
14 THIS FISCAL YEAR OR NEXT, YES.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** WILL THIS AMOUNT FULLY FUND IT?

17

18 **RUSS GUINEY:** THIS AMOUNT WILL FUND IT THROUGH THE REMAINDER OF
19 THIS FISCAL YEAR.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, THEN SUPERVISOR
2 YAROSLAVSKY.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK HE'S DONE.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** GO AHEAD.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, ON THAT QUESTION, JUST TO FOLLOW UP,
9 HOW MANY MONTHS ARE LEFT IN THE FISCAL YEAR?

10

11 **RUSS GUINEY:** ONE MONTH.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS THE MONTHLY COST OF THIS PROGRAM?

14

15 **RUSS GUINEY:** MONTHLY COST, IF IT WERE FULLY OPERABLE, ABOUT
16 \$175,000.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEN WHY, IF IT'S \$175,000 A MONTH, THAT
19 WOULD MEAN AN ANNUAL COST OF OVER \$2 MILLION, WOULD IT NOT?
20 ABOUT \$2 MILLION?

21

22 **RUSS GUINEY:** THE PROGRAM IS A SUMMER, BASICALLY A SUMMER
23 PROGRAM, SUPERVISOR.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** SO IT WOULD GO ON-- THIS WOULD TAKE IT PAST THE
2 END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR? TAKE IT THROUGH WHEN?

3

4 **RUSS GUINEY:** THIS PROGRAM WOULD FUND IT THROUGH THE END OF
5 JUNE AND IT PROBABLY WOULDN'T TAKE THE FULL \$175,000 TO FUND
6 IT BUT THAT GIVES THE MAXIMUM LEVERAGE TO GET IT THROUGH THE
7 END OF JUNE.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW MANY MONTHS DOES THIS PROGRAM OPERATE?
10 FROM WHEN TO WHEN?

11

12 **RUSS GUINEY:** DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS, SO FROM JUNE THROUGH
13 LABOR DAY.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THIS IS FOR HIGH SCHOOL KIDS?

16

17 **RUSS GUINEY:** CORRECT. IT'S AGES 17 THROUGH 24 BUT ALSO
18 INCLUDES SOME AS LOW AS 14.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IT'S NOT JUST HIGH SCHOOL, IT'S BEYOND
21 HIGH SCHOOL.

22

23 **RUSS GUINEY:** CORRECT.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THE RUNS FROM JUNE THROUGH SEPTEMBER...

2 I DIDN'T...

3

4 **RUSS GUINEY:** LABOR DAY.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LABOR DAY. SO THAT'S BASICALLY THREE MONTHS.

7 JUNE, JULY, AUGUST.

8

9 **RUSS GUINEY:** CORRECT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DOES IT RUN ALL OF THE MONTH OF JUNE?

12

13 **RUSS GUINEY:** IT WOULD RUN-- IF YOUR BOARD APPROVED IT, AS SOON

14 AS WE COULD GET IT UP AND RUNNING AND HIRE THE YOUTH, SO AS

15 FAST AS WE COULD DO THAT FOR THE REMAINDER OF JUNE AND THEN WE

16 WOULD SEEK FUNDING FOR JULY AND AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT IS THE FULL ANNUALIZED COST OF THIS?

19 I THOUGHT IT WAS \$300,000.

20

21 **RUSS GUINEY:** CORRECT, 375.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 375. AND, FOR ONE MONTH, YOU NEED 175,000?

24

25 **RUSS GUINEY:** APPROXIMATELY, THAT'S CORRECT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FOR A THREE-MONTH PROGRAM, THAT WOULD PUT IT
3 AT OVER HALF A MILLION DOLLARS. SO WHERE IS THE DISCREPANCY? I
4 GUESS WHAT I'M LEADING TO IS I'M QUESTIONING WHETHER \$175,000
5 IS WHAT YOU NEED THROUGH THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR.

6

7 **LYNN WALLENSAC:** SUPERVISOR, MY NAME IS LYNN WALLENSAC, I'M THE
8 ADMINISTRATIVE DEPUTY. WHEN STAFF CALCULATED THE NUMBER FOR
9 THE MOTION, THEY BASICALLY MAXED OUT THE PROGRAM, YOU KNOW, IF
10 YOU HAD ALL 300 KIDS ON, THEY WERE WORKING FULL TIME, WHICH IS
11 NOT OUR EXPERIENCE. LAST YEAR IS THAT THE KIDS OVER THE SUMMER
12 MONTHS WORKED ABOUT 160 HOURS ON AVERAGE. SO STAFF, IN PUTTING
13 TOGETHER THE MOTION AND TRYING TO PROVIDE THE MAXIMUM,
14 BASICALLY MAXED OUT THE PROGRAM AND THAT'S WHERE THE
15 DISCREPANCY IS.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHEN YOU GAVE US \$330,000, IS THE FULL
18 COST OF THE PROGRAM FOR THE ENTIRE SUMMER, WAS THAT NOT
19 ASSUMING MAXIMIZED USE?

20

21 **LYNN WALLENSAC:** IT WAS BASED ON OUR EXPERIENCE LAST YEAR WHERE
22 WE HAD 307 KIDS WHO AVERAGED ABOUT 160 HOURS DURING THE SUMMER
23 MONTHS.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHY DON'T YOU ASK FOR THAT-- WHY DON'T
2 YOU USE THE SAME METHODOLOGY IN ASKING FOR THE MONEY THROUGH
3 THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR AS YOU ASKED FOR THE REST-- OR AS
4 YOU CALCULATE FOR THE REST OF IT?

5

6 **LYNN WALLENSAC:** RIGHT AND IF WE DID THAT, IT WOULD BE AROUND
7 80.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT WOULD BE AROUND 80? SO MS. BURKE, WOULD
10 YOU BE WILLING TO-- WHY DON'T WE JUST SAY \$100,000? SO YOU
11 HAVE A LITTLE CUSHION IN CASE YOU DO GET IT-- AND IF IT'S
12 OVERLY SUCCESSFUL, I'M SURE WE'LL-- YOU COME BACK HERE AND
13 WE'LL HELP FIGURE IT OUT BUT...

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. SO WHAT YOU'RE SUGGESTING WOULD BE WE
16 CHANGE IT TO A HUNDRED. ALL RIGHT.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT WILL NOT IMPACT YOUR ABILITY?

19

20 **RUSS GUINEY:** I THINK WE WOULD ABLE TO GET A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM
21 GOING WITH THAT AMOUNT OF MONEY, YES, SUPERVISOR.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED AS AMENDED,
24 100,000. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **RUSS GUINEY:** THANK YOU.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE:** I CALL UP ITEM 83, 84 AND 87.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** 83, 84 AND 87.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'LL HAVE THE DEPARTMENT FIRST AND
8 THEN THE PEOPLE.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** IF THEY'RE GOING TO BE A WHILE, I'LL CALL UP 70.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ITEM 70?

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** MM HM.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. JUDITH ALTAR AND MIMI KENNEDY.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN WE HAVE CONNY UP HERE, TOO?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CAN WE HAVE CONNY MCCORMACK, PLEASE?
21 JUST GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD WHEN YOU SPEAK.

22

23 **MIMI KENNEDY:** GOOD. DO YOU WANT TO, JUDY? GO AHEAD.

24



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1 **JUDITH ALTER:** I'M JUDITH ALTER. I'M SPEAKING AGAINST APPROVING
2 THE USE OF ANY FEDERAL MONEY FOR THE HELP AMERICA-- FROM THE
3 HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT BECAUSE THE PUBLIC HAS NO WAY OF KNOWING
4 ON WHAT THIS MONEY WILL BE SPENT HERE IN L.A. WE MUST KNOW
5 AHEAD OF TIME IN DETAIL HOW THAT MONEY IS TO BE USED. I
6 UNDERSTAND THAT THE 25 MILLION THAT WAS APPROVED LAST MONTH,
7 APRIL 18TH, FOR THE E.S. & S. PRECINCT SCANNERS AND ONE
8 MACHINE PER PRECINCT FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED IS PART OF THAT 49
9 MILLION. LAST MONTH, A NUMBER OF US SPOKE AGAINST THE MACHINES
10 TO BE PURCHASED WITH THAT EXPENDITURE. I REPEAT TODAY THAT
11 THOSE PRECINCT SCANNERS CONTAIN SERIOUS PROBLEMS, SUCH AS A
12 WIRELESS, CAPACITY THAT SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED. THESE MACHINES
13 HAVE NOT YET BEEN MANUFACTURED AND THEY HAVE OTHER FLAWS THAT
14 MAKE THEM INSECURE. IN OUR DEMOCRACY, WE MUST HAVE SECURE,
15 ACCURATE, TRANSPARENT ELECTIONS. THEY INVOLVE MARKING, CASTING
16 AND COUNTING BALLOTS. THE ONLY SECRET PART OF VOTING IS
17 MARKING A BALLOT, PREFERABLY BY HAND. VOTERS CAST ONE BALLOT
18 INTO A BALLOT BOX IN PUBLIC AND RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE COUNT
19 BALLOTS IN PUBLIC. WITH COMPUTERS THAT USE SECRET SOFTWARE
20 THAT OUR ELECTION OFFICIALS HAVE NOT EXAMINED, THE NONPUBLIC
21 WAY OF OUR BALLOTS BEING COUNTED IS UNDEMOCRATIC AND PROBABLY
22 UNCONSTITUTIONAL. IN L.A. COUNTY FOR EARLY VOTING, WE VOTE ON
23 DIEBOLD TSX TOUCH SCREEN MACHINES. THESE MACHINES USE
24 PROPRIETARY SECRET SOFTWARE THAT EXPERTS IN UTAH WERE RECENTLY
25 ABLE TO EXAMINE. THE SOFTWARE THEY FOUND, AS STATED IN



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1 NEWSWEEK AND THE "NEW YORK TIMES," HAS THREE BACK DOORS BY
2 WHICH TALLIES CAN BE CHANGED WITHOUT LEAVING ANY EVIDENCE OF
3 THESE CHANGES. TESTS PREVIOUSLY DID NOT RELIEVE THESE SERIOUS
4 SECURITY FLAWS. IN ADDITION, INSIDE THE BACK OF THIS DIEBOLD
5 TOUCH SCREEN MACHINE, THERE IS A PLACE FOR A HIDDEN MEMORY
6 CARD THAT THE PUBLIC CANNOT EXAMINE. IN PENNSYLVANIA, THE
7 SECRETARY OF STATE HAS SEQUESTERED THESE MACHINES AND DECLARED
8 THEM A NATIONAL SECURITY RISK. THE SCANNERS THAT COUNT OUR
9 ABSENTEE AND ELECTION DAY INKAVOTE BALLOTS HERE IN L.A. WE
10 BELIEVE USE MICROTALLY SYSTEM SOFTWARE DEVELOPED HERE IN L.A.
11 BY COUNTY PROGRAMMERS. THE TOTALS ARE SENT TO CENTRAL
12 TABULATORS THAT USE A COMBINATION OF PUBLIC AND UNEXAMINED
13 PROPRIETARY SECRET SOFTWARE AND, BECAUSE OF THE SOFTWARE, THE
14 COMPUTER-TABULATED BALLOTS ARE COUNTED IN SECRET, NOT IN
15 PUBLIC. THE COMPUTERIZED SECRET COUNTING IS NOT TRANSPARENT
16 AND NOT DEMOCRATIC. VOTERS HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING HOW ACCURATE
17 OR SECURE THE ELECTION RESULTS ARE BECAUSE THE COUNTING OF OUR
18 BALLOTS IS NOT PUBLIC. WE DO NOT WANT ANY FEDERAL, STATE OR
19 COUNTY MONEY SPENT ON ANY MORE COMPUTERIZED ELECTION MACHINERY
20 MADE BY ANY PRIVATE COMPANY. OUR ELECTIONS NEED TO BE
21 TRANSPARENT TO THE PUBLIC.

22

23 **MIMI KENNEDY:** MIMI KENNEDY, PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS OF AMERICA
24 ELECTION PROTECTION NETWORK. I HEARD CONNY, AT A CVOC MEETING,
25 SAY AND FACED WITH SOME PROGRAM THAT WAS RECURRING, "THEY'RE



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1 BACK," AND I IMAGINE HER THINKING THAT NOW AND PERHAPS YOU. WE
2 ARE BACK, ELECTION PROTECTORS, BECAUSE OUR VOTE IS AT STAKE.
3 LAST MONTH, WE WERE HERE TO ASK THAT YOU NOT SPEND \$25 MILLION
4 ON E.S. & S. AND OTHER E-VOTING VENDORS WHOSE SECURITY RISKS
5 ARE LIKE THOSE OF DIEBOLD, WHICH HAS NOW BEEN OUTED IN BOTH
6 "NEWSWEEK" AND THE "NEW YORK TIMES" AS HAVING A SECURITY RISK
7 LARGE ENOUGH TO CONSTITUTE A NATIONAL SECURITY RISK. THIS
8 BRINGS ELECTION PROTECTION OUT OF THE SHADOWS. THE \$25
9 MILLION, NOW WE'RE SUPPOSED TO GET \$49 MILLION. SHE HAD SAID
10 THAT WE WERE SAVING MONEY, MAYBE FOR SOMETHING BETTER THAT
11 CAME DOWN THE LINE, MAYBE SOMETHING OPEN SOURCE THAT WOULD
12 TAKE TRADE SECRECY OUT OF THE RISK, MAYBE SOMETHING FROM A
13 COMPANY THAT'S NOT BEING SUED IN 10 STATES FOR FAILURE TO
14 MAINTAIN THEIR EQUIPMENT, TRAIN THEIR POLL WORKERS AND DELIVER
15 EQUIPMENT, AND THAT'S E.S. & S. MAYBE SOMETHING FROM DIEBOLD,
16 AS I SAID, AFOREMENTIONED, IS A NATIONAL SECURITY RISK IN
17 TERMS OF NONTRANSPARENCY IN COUNTING THE VOTE. BUT E.S. & S.
18 WANTS THIS MONEY AND THEY WANT IT NOW. THEY HAVE A CASH FLOW
19 PROBLEM AND THEIR SALESMEN REMIND ME OF ENRON SALESMEN, SELL,
20 SELL, SELL, NO ACCOUNTABILITY AS A BUSINESS TO WHAT YOU HAVE
21 SOLD AND HOW YOU MAINTAIN IT. NOW, AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE, MY
22 NEIGHBORS TOLD ME TO GO GET MY F.E.M.A. MONEY, IT WAS FREE
23 MONEY, \$5,000, YOU'RE A FOOL, THAT'S FEDERAL MONEY FOR YOU. I
24 HAD PRIVATE INSURANCE. THAT WAS APPROPRIATE USE OF THE PRIVATE
25 SECTOR. I DIDN'T NEED \$5,000 THAT WAS GOING TO BE NEEDED FOR



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1 SOMEONE ELSE IN MORE NEED IN THE FUTURE. INDEED IT WAS.
2 KATRINA. BUT IT WAS FREE FEDERAL MONEY. IS THIS WHAT'S GOING
3 ON NOW? WE HAVE FREE FEDERAL MONEY TO SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS AND
4 COMPLY WITH HAVA, WHICH WE'RE BARELY GOING TO DO, ANYWAY. THIS
5 STUFF IS GOING TO BE DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND ILLEGAL
6 LEADERSHIP MEANS SAYING NO TO IT. I WOULD LIKE YOU TO COMMIT
7 AND HERE'S MY ASK, TO GO ON A TOUR OF THE ELECTION SYSTEM
8 WE'RE GOING TO BE RUNNING ON JUNE 6TH WITH THE ELECTION
9 OBSERVERS THAT, ACCORDING TO CALIFORNIA CODE 15004, ARE
10 ALLOWED IN THERE FOR THE GREEN AND DEMOCRATIC PARTIES DATA
11 PROCESSING ENGINEERS, CONNY CAN HAVE HER PEOPLE THERE, TOO,
12 AND YOU CAN SEE THE ELECTION RISKS ALREADY THERE, ABOUT THE
13 VOTE THAT ELECTS YOU AS OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. WILL YOU
14 COMMIT TO GOING ON THAT TOUR? WILL YOU COMMIT TO ME RIGHT NOW?
15 WE'D LIKE TO ARRANGE IT. THEY WILL POINT OUT TO YOU THE
16 SECURITY RISKS THAT ARE THERE RIGHT NOW WITH COMPUTERS. YOU
17 SHOULD SEE THEM BEFORE YOU GIVE \$49 MILLION OF FREE FEDERAL
18 MONEY THAT SOMEBODY IS GOING TO NEED SOMEWHERE. LET IT GO TO A
19 RAINY DAY FUND. THERE'S SOMETHING BETTER AND MORE TRANSPARENT
20 THAT WILL BE COMING. HAVA HAS US IN A PICKLE. THE ELECTION
21 VENDORS HAVE CONNY IN A PICKLE, CONNY HAS YOU IN A PICKLE. THE
22 VOTE'S IN A PICKLE. WE NEED LEADERSHIP HERE AND THAT'S WHY I'M
23 BACK. WILL YOU COMMIT TO THAT TOUR? SUPERVISOR KNABE?
24
25 **SUP. KNABE:** (OFF-MIKE) NOT NECESSARILY WITH YOU.



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2 **MIMI KENNEDY:** WELL, NO, I'M ASKING YOU TO COME WITH THE DATA
3 PROCESSING ENGINEERS THAT HAVE BEEN OKAYED BY THE GREEN AND
4 DEMOCRATIC PARTIES, THOSE ARE THE ONES I KNOW OF, WHO CAN
5 POINT OUT TO YOU, AND, YOU KNOW, CONNY, THEY HAVE TO GO IN,
6 ACCORDING TO CALIFORNIA ELECTION CODE AND THEY'VE BEEN THERE
7 AND THEY'VE POINTED IT OUT TO JUDY, FOR ONE. I HAVEN'T BEEN
8 THERE YET. I MUST GO. I'M JUST BACK IN TOWN, I'LL GO WITH YA.
9 I'LL GO WITH YA. WE HAVE TO GET A TIME. WILL YOU DO IT?
10 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY? WILL YOU COME WITH OUR DATA PROCESSING
11 ENGINEERS AND BE POINTED OUT WHAT THE RISKS ARE SO YOU CAN
12 HAVE A PICTURE OF WHAT THEY ARE, WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.
13 WOULD YOU DO IT? THANK YOU. I'M TAKING THAT FOR A "YES."
14 SUPERVISOR BURKE?

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I FEEL LIKE I JUST BID ON SOMETHING I DIDN'T
17 BID ON.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** HAVE THEM SEND ME THE REPORT. I'D LIKE TO HAVE THE
20 REPORT. THEY CAN CALL, GIVE ME A CALL.

21

22 **MIMI KENNEDY:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL GIVE YOU A CALL. SUPERVISOR
23 ANTONOVICH, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THEM? THANK YOU. AND
24 SUPERVISOR MOLINA? SUPERVISOR MOLINA? OH, I GUESS SHE'S
25 CHECKING. THIS IS GOOD. WE'LL CALL YOU, WE'LL TRY TO GET THIS



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1 ARRANGED CERTAINLY BEFORE JUNE 6TH AND CONNY WILL ARRANGE IT
2 WITH YOU. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** WOULD YOU LIKE TO RESPOND?

5

6 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION, I'D BE GLAD TO.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** BASICALLY, HAVE THESE COMPUTER ENGINEERS THAT
9 THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT HAVE BEEN THROUGH THE SYSTEM, HAVE THEY
10 BEEN OUT TO LOOK AT IT OR WHAT?

11

12 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WE RECEIVED A LETTER CAME INTO OUR OFFICE AT
13 11:30 P.M. LAST NIGHT REQUESTING ACCESS. WE HAVE OUR COUNTY
14 COUNSEL LOOKING AT THE LETTER AS WE SPEAK.

15

16 **JUDITH ALTER:** THEY'VE BEEN IN THERE TWICE ALREADY.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON A SEPARATE SUBJECT, BUT RELATING TO THE
25 REGISTRAR, I LEARNED TODAY-- FIRST OF ALL, I RECEIVED A NUMBER



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1 OF COMPLAINTS OVER THE WEEKEND AND I RECEIVED ONE TODAY AND I
2 THINK YOU'RE AWARE OF, OF PEOPLE WHO ARE MY CONSTITUENTS WHO
3 HAVE YET TO RECEIVE THEIR SAMPLE BALLOTS, WHICH MEANS THEY
4 HAVE NOT RECEIVED AN APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT AND I
5 BELIEVE THAT THE DEADLINE FOR REQUESTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IS
6 TODAY, CORRECT? MAY 30TH.

7

8 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** THAT'S CORRECT. THE DEADLINE IS TODAY.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. AND SO-- AND MY STAFF TELLS ME, I
11 GUESS THEY'VE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH YOU OR YOUR STAFF, THAT THERE
12 ARE OVER 200,000 SAMPLE BALLOTS, I ASSUME IT'S SAMPLE BALLOTS
13 AND NOT HOUSEHOLDS, IN THE COUNTY WHO HAVE YET TO RECEIVE
14 THEIR...

15

16 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** OH, I DON'T KNOW THAT THEY'VE YET TO RECEIVE
17 THEM. WE HAD ABOUT 200,000 THAT WERE LATE GETTING INTO THE
18 MAIL. WE HAD SOME ISSUES. WE FOUND SOME IN A WAREHOUSE, OUR
19 PRINTING WAREHOUSE. THIS DOES NOT IMPACT ANYONE'S ABILITY TO
20 VOTE FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT AT ALL.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, WHAT IF YOU LIVE IN SHERMAN OAKS, AS
23 THE CONSTITUENT WHO CALLED ME THIS MORNING, EMAILED ME THIS
24 MORNING DOES, AND, AS OF THIS MORNING, HAD NOT YET RECEIVED
25 IT. SUPPOSE HE RECEIVES HIS OR HER ABSENTEE BALLOT TOMORROW--



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1 I MEAN, HIS SAMPLE BALLOT TOMORROW, HOW CAN THEY GET AN
2 ABSENTEE BALLOT?

3

4 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE NOT DEPENDENT ON SAMPLE
5 BALLOTS. ANYONE CAN APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT UP TO 60 DAYS
6 BEFORE THE ELECTION. THERE'S NO REQUIREMENT TO USE THE SAMPLE
7 BALLOT. ON OUR WEBSITE, THERE'S BEEN AN APPLICATION FOR OVER A
8 MONTH, THE SAMPLE BALLOTS HAVE BEEN ON THE WEBSITE FOR OVER A
9 MONTH...

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND. CONNY, CONNY?

12

13 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** ABOUT 200,000 OF THEM WERE LATE GETTING IN
14 THE MAIL BUT IT DOES NOT IMPACT ON A PERSON'S ABILITY TO GET
15 AN ABSENTEE BALLOT.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE ARE SEVERAL REASONS WE SEND OUT SAMPLE
18 BALLOTS. ONE IS TO LET PEOPLE KNOW THERE'S AN ELECTION. THAT
19 MAY BE THE MOST IMPORTANT REASON. WE DON'T DEPEND ON
20 ADVERTISEMENTS AND OTHER THINGS, MAILINGS AND ALL THOSE
21 WONDERFUL PIECE OF LITERATURE THAT WE'RE ALL GOOD AT PUTTING
22 OUT. THE OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION THAT THERE'S AN ELECTION COMES
23 THROUGH THE SAMPLE BALLOT. THAT'S THE FIRST REASON FOR A
24 SAMPLE BALLOT. THE SECOND REASON IS TO GIVE PEOPLE AN
25 OPPORTUNITY TO SEE WHO THE CANDIDATES ARE SO THAT THEY CAN SEE



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1 WHO'S UP FOR ELECTION, THEY CAN RESEARCH THEM. THE THIRD
2 REASON, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF REASONS, THE THIRD MOST
3 IMPORTANT THING IS THAT THERE IS AN APPLICATION IN THE SAMPLE
4 BALLOT FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT. SO, IF YOU ARE NOT AS ATTUNED
5 TO THIS WORLD OF POLITICS AS ALL OF US ARE AND ELECTIONS AS
6 ALL OF US ARE, BUT YOU JUST HAPPEN TO BE SOMEBODY IN SHERMAN
7 OAKS WHO IS WORKING 8 TO 6 EVERY DAY, MINDING THEIR OWN
8 BUSINESS, TRYING TO PUT FOOD ON THEIR TABLE AND IS NOT
9 NECESSARILY AWARE THAT THEY CAN APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT
10 UP TO 60 DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION, DON'T KNOW THE RULES IN THE
11 ELECTION CODE, MAY NOT EVEN KNOW THERE'S AN ELECTION COMING OR
12 AT LEAST EXACTLY WHEN IT IS, ALTHOUGH THEY'VE BEEN BOMBARDED
13 WITH TELEVISION ADS, AND ALL OF A SUDDEN THEY HAD THE GOOD
14 SENSE TO EMAIL THEIR SUPERVISOR AND HE'S ABLE TO GET THEM AN
15 ANSWER THAT SAYS THEY ARE UP TO 200,000 THAT DIDN'T GET IT ON
16 TIME AND...

17

18 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WELL, WE MET THE LEGAL DEADLINE,
19 SUPERVISOR...

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...SO WHAT ARE THEY SUPPOSED TO DO? WHAT IS
22 A GUY SUPPOSED TO DO WHO IS GOING TO BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY
23 NEXT TUESDAY OR OUT OF TOWN, OR IS USED TO VOTING ABSENTEE? IS
24 THERE ANYTHING HE CAN DO AFTER 5:00 TONIGHT TO VOTE ABSENTEE
25 OR IS HE DEAD IN THE WATER?



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2 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO SAY WE HAVE 3.8
3 MILLION ACTIVE REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE COUNTY. WE'VE HAD A
4 PROBLEM MAILING ABOUT 200,000 OF THESE BUT WE'VE STILL MET THE
5 LEGAL DEADLINE. THE LEGAL DEADLINE WAS TO MAIL THEM BEFORE
6 SEVEN DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION, SO WE DID MEET THE LEGAL
7 DEADLINE. IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT SOME OF THEM WERE LATE. WE'RE
8 NOT SAYING THAT THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM. WE ARE SORRY THAT
9 HAPPENED. IT DOESN'T DISENFRANCHISE ANYONE. THEY CAN STILL
10 APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, ABSENTEE APPLICATIONS ARE ON OUR
11 WEBSITE, THEY'RE AVAILABLE ALL OVER TOWN. WE ACCEPT THEM BY
12 FAX THROUGH MIDNIGHT TONIGHT AND OUR FAX NUMBER IS ON OUR
13 WEBSITE. I DON'T HAVE IT WITH ME RIGHT NOW. OUR WEBSITE IS
14 WWW.LAVOTE.NET, SO NO ONE HAS BEEN DISENFRANCHISED, AND WE'VE
15 MET ALL THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT ABOUT
16 200,000 OF THESE WERE LATE. I'M NOT TRYING-- AND I WILL WRITE
17 A REPORT AFTER I FIND OUT EXACTLY WHY THOSE WERE LATE. IT'S
18 ABOUT 5% OF THE SAMPLE BALLOTS. IT'S NOT A HUNDRED PERCENT.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST TO BE CLEAR, ANYBODY WATCHING THIS ON
21 TELEVISION, IT'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT, SO IT'S TOO LATE FOR THEM TO
22 APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, CORRECT?

23

24 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** IT'S ALWAYS-- THE DEADLINE'S ALWAYS BEEN
25 SEVEN DAYS BEFORE. PEOPLE OVERSEAS, OUT OF TOWN, THEY SHOULD



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1 APPLY WAY BEFORE SEVEN DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION. MOST PEOPLE--
2 WE HAVE 383,000 PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTERS. ANYONE CAN BECOME A
3 PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTER, YOU DON'T NEED TO BE SICK OR
4 HOUSEBOUND, SO WE'VE ALREADY MAILED OUT OVER 535,000 ABSENTEE
5 BALLOTS, SO...

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU KNOW WHAT THE REASON IS THAT 200,000
8 WERE NOT...

9

10 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** ALL OVER THE COUNTY. THERE'S NO SPECIFIC
11 REGION.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU KNOW WHY IT HAPPENED?

14

15 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WE'RE LOOKING INTO THAT. I DON'T HAVE THE
16 ANSWER RIGHT NOW BUT I WILL BE GETTING BACK WITH YOU WITH A
17 REPORT FOR THAT.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** JUST AS AN EXAMPLE, ZEV, WE HAD AN ISSUE. A COUPLE
20 PEOPLE CALLED AND WHAT WE DID WAS PULL IT UP OFF THE WEB AND
21 MAILED IT TO THEM, MAILED THEM THE APPLICATIONS.

22

23 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** IT'S BEEN ON THE WEB FOR ABOUT A MONTH.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT WORKS IF YOU'VE GOT TIME BUT TONIGHT
2 IS...

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** NO, I KNOW, BUT YOU CAN FAX IT.

5

6 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** YOU CAN FAX IT UNTIL MIDNIGHT TONIGHT.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF WE HAVEN'T ALREADY, WE WILL CERTAINLY
9 LET...

10

11 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION, TOO, ONLY TWO STATES
12 IN THE COUNTRY SEND OUT SAMPLE BALLOTS. EVERYONE ELSE, 48
13 STATES, PEOPLE HAVE TO APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT WITHOUT AN
14 APPLICATION THAT'S SENT TO PEOPLE, SO THERE ARE OTHER WAYS OF
15 APPLYING FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT SOME
16 OF THESE WERE LATE AND I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT...

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THAT'S THE WAY WE'VE DONE IT FOR AS LONG
19 AS I CAN REMEMBER, WHICH IS AT LEAST 30 YEARS, SO WHAT THEY DO
20 IN KANSAS MAY BE GOOD FOR KANSAS BUT, WHEN PEOPLE GET USED TO
21 CERTAIN THINGS AND THEY DEPEND ON THE COUNTY REGISTRAR GETTING
22 THEM, YOU KNOW, THEY DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THESE THINGS
23 BECAUSE THEY KNOW THEY'LL GET THE SAMPLE BALLOT AND THAT'S
24 WHEN THEY'RE GOING TO TEAR OFF THE THING, WE ALL, IN OUR
25 HOUSEHOLD, RELY ON THE SAMPLE BALLOT FOR A VARIETY OF THINGS.



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1 AND, IF IT DOESN'T COME, I MEAN, YOU DON'T NECESSARILY WHERE
2 YOU'RE GOING TO VOTE UNLESS YOU GET IT BEFORE THE ELECTION.
3 ANYWAY, I DON'T WANT TO REPEAT. I JUST WANT TO-- LET ME ASK
4 YOU A QUESTION. ARE YOU CONFIDENT, AND I KNOW THIS IS GOING TO
5 SOUND LIKE A EXPLOSIVE QUESTION BUT I HAVE TO ASK, ARE YOU
6 CONFIDENT THAT, ON ELECTION DAY, YOU'RE PREPARED, THAT YOUR
7 OPERATION IS PREPARED TO OPEN AT 7:00 A.M., STAY OPEN UNTIL
8 8:00 P.M., GET THE BALLOTS COLLECTED ON TIME, SENT DOWN TO
9 TABULATION CENTER AND THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE-- ARE YOU
10 CONFIDENT, AS YOU SIT HERE TODAY, THAT YOU ARE PREPARED FOR
11 ELECTION DAY A WEEK FROM TODAY?

12

13 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** IT'S OUR JOB TO DO THAT, SUPERVISOR. WE'RE
14 GOING TO DO THE BEST WE CAN. WILL IT BE PERFECT? WILL ALL
15 5,065 POLLING PLACES OPEN EXACTLY AT 7:00 A.M.? PROBABLY A FEW
16 WON'T. THERE MIGHT BE SOME CAR ACCIDENTS, PEOPLE OVERSLEEP. IT
17 HAPPENS EVERY ELECTION. WE HAVE 835 COORDINATORS,
18 TROUBLESHOOTERS OUT IN THE FIELD READY TO RESPOND. THEY EACH
19 HAVE SEVEN TO EIGHT PRECINCTS EACH TO COVER. WE HAVE CELL
20 PHONES IN EVERY PRECINCT. WE ARE AS PREPARED AS WE CAN BE.
21 WILL IT BE A PERFECT ELECTION? I HAVEN'T SEEN ONE OF THOSE YET
22 IN 25 YEARS OF DOING THIS JOB.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE YOU CONFIDENT THAT YOU ARE PREPARED FOR
25 THE COLLECTION OF THE BALLOTS AFTER 8:00?



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2 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** I AM.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THAT THEY WILL ALL BE COLLECTED AND
5 TRANSPORTED OVER TO-- WHERE IS THE TABULATION CENTER?

6

7 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** IN NORWALK AT OUR OFFICE.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOUR HEADQUARTERS IN NORWALK AND THAT THEY
10 WILL ALL BE COUNTED ON TUESDAY NIGHT?

11

12 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WELL, THEY WON'T ALL BE COUNTED ON TUESDAY
13 NIGHT BUT...

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I MEAN, OTHER THAN THE PROVISIONALS AND ALL
16 THAT.

17

18 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** THE BALLOTS THAT COME INTO US ON ELECTION
19 NIGHT AND I WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND TO THE PUBLIC COMMENT
20 BECAUSE THERE'S BEEN PEOPLE SAYING, IS OUR BALLOT COUNTING
21 ACCURATE? AND HOW DO WE KNOW IT'S ACCURATE? FIRST OF ALL, IT'S
22 APPROVED VOTING SYSTEMS THAT ARE APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL AND
23 THE STATE GOVERNMENT, WE CAN'T USE ANY OTHER KIND OF VOTING
24 SYSTEMS. PLUS, IN L.A. COUNTY, WE HAVE A PAPER BALLOT VOTING
25 SYSTEM, IT'S A PAPER BASED SYSTEM, SO ANYONE WHO WANTS A



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1 RECOUNT, LOOKING AT THAT, 1% OF THEM ARE RECOUNTED RANDOMLY
2 AFTER EVERY ELECTION AND EVEN THE ELECTRONIC VOTING EQUIPMENT
3 NOW HAS A PAPER TRAIL BY STATE LAW, SO IT EVEN HAS PAPER
4 ASSOCIATED WITH EVERY SINGLE VOTE. SO ALL OF THIS IS VERY
5 RECOUNTABLE, IT'S NOT SECRET, IT'S NOT A SURPRISE, IT'S NOT
6 SOMETHING IN A BLACK BOX, IT'S ALL OUT THERE, IT CAN BE LOOKED
7 AT AND IT IS LOOKED AT IN AN OPEN PROCESS BUT I THINK IT'S
8 IMPORTANT TO MENTION IT'S A PAPER BALLOT SYSTEM. IT'S NOT
9 ELECTRONIC BITS AND BYTES WITH NO PAPER ASSOCIATED WITH IT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND THAT BUT I'M TALKING ABOUT A
12 DIFFERENT THING RIGHT NOW.

13

14 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** GETTING THE BALLOTS BACK TO OUR LOCATION ON
15 ELECTION NIGHT?

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN YOU TELL ME THAT, OUT OF 3.8 MILLION
18 BALLOTS OR HOUSEHOLDS OR SAMPLE BALLOTS THAT ARE MAILED OUT,
19 ONLY 200,000 DID NOT GET THERE ON TIME. TO ME, THAT'S A LOT.

20

21 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WELL, ACTUALLY, THEY GOT THERE LEGALLY ON
22 TIME. THEY WERE MAILED...

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW DO YOU KNOW? HOW DO YOU KNOW?

25



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1 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WELL, WE HAVE REPORTS THAT THEY'VE BEEN
2 MAILED BY THE POST OFFICE. WE HAVE EVERY...

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS TODAY THE LEGAL DEADLINE?

5

6 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** YES.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IF SOMEBODY DID NOT RECEIVE A SAMPLE
9 BALLOT TODAY...

10

11 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WELL, DID IT NOT GET MAILED TODAY...

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...BY TODAY, THEN THEY WERE NOT LEGALLY...

14

15 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WELL, IT DID NOT GET MAILED TODAY.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY HAVE TO BE MAILED TODAY?

18

19 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** EXACTLY. THAT'S THE LEGAL DEADLINE, TO BE
20 MAILED TODAY.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I GUESS MY QUESTION BACK TO THE ELECTION DAY
23 ISSUE IS, WITH ALL OF THE ISSUES THAT YOU HAVE TO DEAL WITH IN
24 YOUR DEPARTMENT RIGHT NOW, SOME OF WHICH MAY BE CONTRIBUTING
25 FACTORS TO A VARIETY OF THINGS, ARE YOU CONFIDENT THAT THE



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1 COLLECTION OF THE BALLOTS AFTER 8:00 NEXT TUESDAY AND THE
2 PROPER COUNTING OF THEM WILL NOT BE IMPACTED BY ANY OF THE
3 OTHER THINGS THAT ARE GOING ON OR ANY OF THE OTHER PROBLEMS
4 THAT HAVE...

5

6 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WE'VE SET UP THE APPROPRIATE PROCESS WHERE
7 ALL 5,065 PRECINCTS TAKE THEIR BALLOTS TO A COLLECTION CENTER
8 WHERE THE SHERIFF'S PEOPLE THEN BRING IN ALL THE BALLOTS TO
9 OUR OFFICE, THE SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES, WE'VE USED THAT PROCESS
10 FOR YEARS. IT'S VERY SECURE. SO ALL THE BALLOTS COME TO OUR
11 OFFICE FROM COLLECTION CENTERS WITH THE SHERIFF, EITHER
12 THROUGH HELICOPTERS OR THEIR CARS. THAT'S HOW WE RECEIVE THEM.
13 THEY'RE IN FIREPROOF BAGS AND WE'VE NOT HAD A PROBLEM IN THE
14 PAST. DO I HAVE A CRYSTAL BALL IF WE MIGHT HAVE A PROBLEM WITH
15 THIS IN THE FUTURE AND A PRECINCT'S BALLOTS GET MISSING? WE
16 HAVEN'T HAD THAT IN THE PAST. AND I THINK THE PAST IS A GOOD
17 PRECURSOR OF THE FUTURE BUT I'M NOT A PREDICTOR OF THE
18 FUTURE...

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HAVE YOU EVER HAD A PROBLEM WHERE 200,000
21 SAMPLE BALLOTS WERE MAILED OUT AS LATE AS HAS OCCURRED THIS
22 YEAR?

23

24 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** NOT IN MY EXPERIENCE, NO.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH IS THE REASON YOU CAN'T FAULT ME OR
2 ANY...

3

4 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** I'M NOT FAULTING YOU, SUPERVISOR.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** KNOWLEDGEABLE-- YOU KNOW, NOT KNOWLEDGEABLE
7 BUT JUST LAYMEN LIKE ME FROM WONDERING, WELL, IF THAT-- AND I
8 DON'T WANT TO SAY IT'S SIMPLE, BECAUSE IT'S NEVER SIMPLE TO
9 MAIL OUT 3.8 MILLION PIECES OF MAIL, BUT IF, FOR THE FIRST
10 TIME IN YOUR MEMORY, AND YOU'VE BEEN HERE AWHILE, YOU'VE HAD
11 THAT KIND OF A DISCREPANCY, YOU CAN'T FAULT ONE FOR ASKING
12 WHETHER THERE WILL BE A DISCREPANCY OR WHETHER THE
13 ORGANIZATION IS STAFFED AND EQUIPPED TO MAKE SURE THAT, ON THE
14 BACK END, THE COUNTING END, WE DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM THAT WE
15 HAD ON THE MAILING END, THAT THERE WILL BE A 7%, WHATEVER
16 200,000 IS OUT OF 3.8 MILLION, 5%, FAILURE RATE.

17

18 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WE HAVE THE SAME PROCESSES IN PLACE WE HAVE
19 IN THE PAST FOR OUR BALLOTS TO COME IN ELECTION NIGHT FOR THE
20 SECURITY OF OUR BUILDING AND I FEEL CONFIDENT THAT IT'S A GOOD
21 PROCESS AND IT'S WORKED WELL IN THE PAST.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** IF ANYONE CALLS TODAY, WILL YOU SEND OUT AN
24 ABSENTEE BALLOT TO THEM? IF THEY INDICATE THEY HAVE NOT
25 RECEIVED ONE...



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1

2 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** IF ANYONE NEEDS AN ABSENTEE BALLOT TODAY, WE
3 HAVE TO HAVE A WRITTEN APPLICATION, IT CAN BE ON A PIECE OF
4 PAPER, IT CAN BE ON AN APPLICATION, IT CAN COME TO US BY FAX,
5 HAND DELIVERED, BY MAIL, ANY OF THOSE OPTIONS TODAY BY
6 MIDNIGHT.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT THE APPLICATION HAS TO BE IN WRITING?

9

10 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE TO HAVE AS-- YES, IT HAS
11 TO BE IN WRITING. YOU CAN'T PICK UP THE PHONE AND CALL TO GET
12 AN ABSENTEE. THAT'S NOT ALLOWED BY LAW. YOU HAVE TO APPLY...

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO DO THAT?

15

16 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** YOU HAVE TO APPLY IN WRITING.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU HAVE TO HAVE IT SIGNED-- WELL, I WAS THINKING
19 ABOUT THE APPLICATION BUT IT'S TOO LATE NOW FOR THE
20 APPLICATION-- FOR YOU TO SEND IT.

21

22 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** IT CAN BE EMAILED TO US WWW.LAVOTE.NET. THE
23 APPLICATION IS RIGHT THERE. YOU CAN FILL IT OUT ONLINE AND
24 EMAIL IT TO US SO THAT'S AN...

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** AND IT HAS TO BE IN BY TONIGHT?

2

3 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** BY MIDNIGHT TONIGHT, YES, THAT'S THE LEGAL
4 DEADLINE FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT AND THEN WE'LL BE CONTINUING
5 TO MAIL THEM TOMORROW FOR EVERYONE THAT APPLIES TODAY. AND
6 THEN ANYONE WHO IS VOTING WITHIN THE NEXT SIX DAYS, IF THEY
7 PUT THEM IN THE MAIL BEFORE FRIDAY, WE ALWAYS RECOMMEND FRIDAY
8 TO MAIL THEM BACK, BUT IF THEY DON'T, THEY CAN TURN THEM IN AT
9 A POLLING PLACE, ANY POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY. ROUTINELY,
10 ABOUT 100 TO 150,000 ABSENTEES ARE TURNED IN AT POLLING
11 PLACES. PEOPLE LIKE TO WAIT TO THE LAST MINUTE, THE WEEKEND
12 BEFORE THE ELECTION AND THEN DON'T WANT TO TRUST MAILING IT
13 BECAUSE IT HAS TO BE RECEIVED BACK TO US BY 8:00 P.M. ON
14 ELECTION NIGHT IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED SO THAT'S IMPORTANT
15 INFORMATION FOR PEOPLE WHO STILL HAVE ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND
16 WE'VE SENT OUT 535,000, ONLY 130,000 HAVE COME BACK, SO
17 THERE'S OVER 400,000 OF THEM OUT THERE, PEOPLE ARE WAITING AND
18 THEY HAVEN'T VOTED YET. THEY HAVE A CHOICE OF-- WE SUGGEST
19 MAILING THEM NO LATER THAN FRIDAY BUT IF THEY WANT TO WAIT FOR
20 THE WEEKEND TO TURN THEM IN AT ONE OF THE POLLING PLACES, ANY
21 POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY. AS LONG AS WE HAVE THEM IN OUR
22 OFFICE BY 8:00 P.M. ELECTION NIGHT, IT WILL BE COUNTED.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL MOVE IT.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ONE OTHER QUESTION. IS THERE ANYTHING
2 NEW ON THE INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED VOTER FRAUD IN THE 43RD?

3

4 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WE'RE LOOKING INTO THAT. WE HAVE APPLICATIONS
5 THAT, ONE THAT LOOKS SUSPICIOUS, A FEW APPLICATIONS FROM ONE
6 OF THE CANDIDATES' APPLICATION FORM FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS, THE
7 DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS EXAMINING THOSE NOW AND WE ARE TALKING TO
8 THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE CAMPAIGNS ON BOTH SIDES OF THAT AND
9 WE'RE PLANNING A RESPONSE THIS WEEK, BUT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
10 IS LOOKING INTO SOME SUSPICIOUS ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS
11 FROM ONE OF THE CAMPAIGNS IN THE 43RD ASSEMBLY DISTRICT.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HOW DO YOU EMBARGO THOSE BALLOTS IF
14 THEY ARE CAST? WHAT IS THE PROCESS?

15

16 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WELL, IF-- WE FIRST DID A MAILING TO THE
17 SUSPICIOUS APPLICATIONS ASKING PEOPLE IF THEY HAD APPLIED FOR
18 AN ABSENTEE BALLOT. MOST OF THEM INDICATED THEY HAD. IT WAS
19 THEIR APPLICATION, SOME SAID IT WAS NOT. IF THEY TOLD US IT
20 WAS NOT, WE DID NOT SEND THEM A BALLOT. IF THEY DIDN'T RESPOND
21 AT ALL, WE ARE SENDING THEM A BALLOT BUT WE ARE LOOKING, WE
22 HAVE THEM FLAGGED IN OUR VOTING SYSTEM SO THAT WE CAN EXAMINE
23 THEM WHEN THEY COME BACK.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. WE HAVE A MOTION BY
2 BURKE TO MOVE THE ITEM. SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
3 ORDERED. THANK YOU.

4

5 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL CALL UP ITEMS 83, 84 AND 87.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'LL HEAR FROM THE DEPARTMENTS FIRST
12 AND THEN WE'LL HAVE THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP SPEAK. DR.
13 CHERNOF. GOOD AFTERNOON. WHOEVER WANTS TO GO FIRST.

14

15 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISORS, MAYOR, WE'RE IN FRONT OF YOU
16 TODAY AT YOUR REQUEST TO RE-DISCUSS THE POTENTIAL SEPARATION
17 BETWEEN PUBLIC HEALTH AND PERSONAL HEALTH INTO TWO SEPARATE
18 DEPARTMENTS. AS I'VE SHARED WITH YOUR BOARD PREVIOUSLY, I
19 THINK THAT THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT POLICY DECISION FOR THE
20 BOARD AND IT DOESN'T HAVE, AT LEAST TO MY MIND, A
21 STRAIGHTFORWARD OR EASY ANSWER. FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, THERE IS
22 A VERY GOOD POLICY REASON TO CONSIDER IT. I THINK THE POLICY
23 REASON IS THE STRONGEST REASON. I THINK, IN THIS DAY AND AGE
24 WITH THE VARIOUS CHALLENGES WE FACE, THE RISK OF NOVEL
25 INFECTIOUS AGENTS, BIOTERRORISM AND OTHER PROBLEMS HERE IN LOS



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1 ANGELES, THAT WE'RE REALLY THE EPICENTER FOR MUCH OF THAT
2 RISK. THAT IS A VERY STRONG ARGUMENT FOR YOUR BOARD HAVING
3 KIND OF DIRECT LINE OF SIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DIRECTOR OF
4 PUBLIC HEALTH. A NUMBER OF OTHER ARGUMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE AND,
5 AS I'VE ADDRESSED IN A LETTER TO SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I GUESS
6 ABOUT SIX WEEKS AGO NOW AND SHARED WITH ALL OF YOUR BOARD, I
7 THINK MOST OF THE OTHER ARGUMENTS, I'M NOT SURE THAT I
8 ACTUALLY SEE THE BENEFITS AS DESCRIBED. I'M NOT CONVINCED THAT
9 WE WILL ACTUALLY GET THE EFFICIENCIES THAT ONE MIGHT IMAGINE.
10 IT DOES CREATE A SEPARATE BUREAUCRACY. I'M NOT SURE THAT
11 THERE'S A COST SAVINGS ATTACHED TO IT AND, IN THE LONG RUN, IN
12 THE COUNTY, WE'VE NOT NECESSARILY SEEN BETTER INTEROPERABILITY
13 BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS WHEN THEY SEPARATE FROM ONE ANOTHER. I
14 THINK THAT WAS ONE OF THE PRIMARY DRIVERS IN ACTUALLY BRINGING
15 THE DEPARTMENTS TOGETHER MORE THAN 30 YEARS AGO. I ALSO THINK
16 IT'S FAIR TO SAY THAT THE COUNTY HAS MADE PROGRESS OVER THE
17 YEARS WITH RESPECT TO INTEROPERABILITY. I THINK THE NEW
18 DIRECTIONS TASK FORCE, PUT TOGETHER BY THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE, IS
19 ACTUALLY A FINE EXAMPLE OF DEPARTMENTS STARTING TO WORK
20 TOGETHER ON BEHALF OF OUR CITIZENS AND I THINK THAT THE
21 HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE IS ANOTHER GOOD EXAMPLE OF THAT. SO I
22 THINK THE QUESTION IS REALLY BEFORE YOUR BOARD. ON MY BEHALF
23 AND ON MY DEPARTMENT'S BEHALF, I ACTUALLY THINK, ON BALANCE,
24 THAT WE ARE BETTER OFF STAYING TOGETHER. THERE ARE LOTS OF
25 PLACES WHERE WE OVERLAP AND THAT, SPEAKING AS YOUR NEW



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1 DEPARTMENT HEAD, THAT WOULD BE MY RECOMMENDATION TO YOU TODAY,
2 BUT I DO SEE THAT THERE IS A CLEAR POLICY ARGUMENT, ONE THAT
3 JONATHAN AND I HAVE TALKED ABOUT AT LENGTH, AND I GUESS THE
4 LAST THING I WANT TO SAY BEFORE I TURN IT OVER TO DR. FIELDING
5 IS WHATEVER YOUR BOARD DECIDES, YOU NEED TO KNOW THAT BOTH DR.
6 FIELDING AND I ARE EXTREMELY COMMITTED TO SUCCESSFULLY
7 IMPLEMENTING YOUR RECOMMENDATION. WE BOTH UNDERSTAND THE
8 IMPORTANCE OF THIS DECISION, WHETHER TOGETHER OR APART. THANK
9 YOU FOR GIVING ME A CHANCE TO MAKE SOME COMMENTS.

10

11 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MAYOR ANTONOVICH.
12 10 YEARS AGO, WE HADN'T HEARD OF S.A.R.S., WE WEREN'T
13 CONCERNED ABOUT BIOTERRORISM, WE DIDN'T HAVE THE PROSPECT OF
14 PANDEMIC INFLUENZA. THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF NEW PUBLIC
15 HEALTH THREATS THAT ARE VERY SERIOUS AND REALLY NEED US TO
16 FOCUS ON THE PROTECTION OF EVERYBODY IN L.A. COUNTY AND THIS
17 IS A DIFFERENT MISSION THAN THE MISSION OF THE REST OF THE
18 DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL MEDICAL SERVICES,
19 PARTICULARLY TO THOSE WITHOUT OTHER SOURCES FOR CARE. HAVING A
20 SEPARATE DEPARTMENT WOULD REFLECT THE IMPORTANCE OF THAT
21 MISSION, WOULD INCREASE THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC HEALTH
22 FOR PROTECTING THE HEALTH OF ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS BY DIRECTLY
23 REPORTING TO YOUR BOARD, WOULD ASSURE PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP
24 BY HAVING YOUR BOARD DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE SELECTION OF THE
25 DIRECTOR AND IN PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL, WOULD ALSO ASSURE THAT,



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1 EVEN IF THERE ARE PROBLEMS WITHIN HEALTH SERVICES IN TERMS OF
2 HOW A FACILITY IS RUN OR MOVING TO A NEW FACILITY, THAT PUBLIC
3 HEALTH WOULD GET THE PRIORITY ATTENTION THAT IT DESERVES. WE
4 CAN HAVE INCREASED EFFICIENCY, WE'RE COMMITTED TO DOING THIS
5 ON A BUDGET-NEUTRAL BASIS. WE WOULD BE, IF YOU DECIDE TO MAKE
6 US SO, A LARGE DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE OVERALL COUNTY FAMILY.
7 THROUGH YOUR ACTIONS, WE THINK WE HAVE MINIMIZED THE KINDS OF
8 PROBLEMS THAT HAVE OCCURRED WITH DMH BECAUSE THERE WAS NOT THE
9 VERY DETAILED MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING, WHICH WE HAVE, WITH THE
10 C.E.O.'S HELP, SPENT MONTHS CREATING NOW AND WHAT WE'RE
11 SUGGESTING MIMICS WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE STATE. YOU'LL HEAR
12 FROM THE STATE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER, DR. MARK HORTON. IT ALSO
13 MIRRORS WHAT'S GOING ON IN MANY LARGE CITIES AROUND THE
14 COUNTRY WHICH HAVE DECIDED THAT THIS MISSION IS IMPORTANT
15 ENOUGH TO HAVE SEPARATE DEPARTMENTAL STATUS. I STAND READY TO
16 ANSWER ANY OF YOUR QUESTIONS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17
18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IS THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, DO
19 YOU RECEIVE MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND OR IS IT EXCLUSIVELY
20 FEDERAL, STATE PASS THROUGH?

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22 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WE RECEIVE MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND
23 AS WELL. IT'S ABOUT A QUARTER OF THE FUNDING THAT WE HAVE,
24 SUPERVISOR.



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** 25% OF YOUR BUDGET?

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3 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** ROUGHLY.

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR?

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, OBVIOUSLY, I'M THE ONE THAT BROUGHT THE
10 ORIGINAL MOTION IN IN REGARDS TO THIS AND I STILL HAVE SOME
11 CONCERNS IN REGARDS TO IT BUT I HAVE A MOTION THAT I JUST-- I
12 WOULD LIKE TO PUT ON THE TABLE, JUST FOR MY COLLEAGUES'
13 BENEFIT AS WELL AS SOME OF THE OTHER FOLKS THAT MAY BE
14 COMMENTING OUT THERE TODAY AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, JUST AS SORT
15 OF A FOLLOW-UP KIND OF A SITUATION BECAUSE, IF WE MOVE FORWARD
16 WITH THIS, THE INTEGRATION OF THOSE PARTICULAR SERVICES ARE
17 REALLY GOING TO BE IMPORTANT. I MEAN, ONE OF THE THINGS, THE
18 NERVOUSNESS, I MEAN, THE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS THAT I HAVE
19 BROUGHT TOGETHER TO SORT OF ADVISE ME IN THIS ARE IN STRONG
20 SUPPORT OF THE SEPARATION BUT A LOT OF OUR COMMUNITY-BASED
21 ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE HEALTHCARE ARE CONCERNED BECAUSE
22 WE'VE WORKED SO HARD OVER THE LAST 30-SOME YEARS TO INTEGRATE
23 SERVICES VERSUS SEPARATION. SO I'M GOING TO PUT THIS MOTION
24 OUT THERE AND THIS IS IN REGARDS AFTER REVIEWING A LOT OF
25 DIFFERENT EXPERT OPINIONS ON THIS WHOLE ISSUE. SOME OF THE



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1 PROGRAMS THAT WE ARE TRANSFERRING TODAY TO THE NEW PUBLIC
2 HEALTH DEPARTMENT MAY NOT BE ESSENTIAL TO ITS CORE MISSION OF
3 PROTECTING THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH THROUGH PREVENTION,
4 SURVEILLANCE, ASSURANCE, AND PROGRAM PLANNING. EXAMPLES OF
5 SUCH PROGRAMS, WHICH SEEM MORE LIKE PERSONAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC
6 HEALTH, INCLUDE RESIDENTIAL HOUSING FOR THE MEDICAL NEEDY,
7 SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAMS, HOSPICE CARE, COURT
8 MANDATED DRINKING DRIVER SERVICES AND MEDICAL AND DENTAL CARE
9 FOR THE H.I.V. INFECTED PATIENTS. THEY HAVE BEEN UNDER PUBLIC
10 HEALTH MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH SERVICES, SO IT'S REASONABLE TO
11 INITIALLY TRANSFER THEM FOR CONTINUITY OF MANAGEMENT. BUT,
12 LONGER TERM, TO FOCUS THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT TOTALLY ON
13 ITS CORE MISSION, IT MUST BE FREE FROM THE DISTRACTIONS OF
14 MANAGING PROGRAMS NOT ESSENTIAL TO THAT MISSION. WE SHOULD
15 THEREFORE ASK, ONCE THE DUST OF THE SEPARATION SETTLES, THAT
16 WHETHER THERE IS A BETTER ORGANIZATIONAL PLACE FOR EACH OF
17 THESE PROGRAMS. SECOND, ONGOING OVERSIGHT WILL BE NEEDED TO
18 ENSURE EFFECTIVE SERVICE INTEGRATION. SUCH INTEGRATION WAS A
19 THEME 34 YEARS AGO WHEN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MERGED THE
20 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOSPITAL
21 BUT, OBVIOUSLY, A LOT HAS CHANGED SINCE THEN. 34 YEARS AGO,
22 THERE WAS NO H.I.V./A.I.D.S. SEPARATION, THERE WAS EBOLA, NO
23 WEST NILE VIRUS, NO POTENTIAL AVIAN FLU, BIOTERRORISM WAS NOT
24 A BIG CONCERN AT THAT PARTICULAR TIME. TODAY, OBVIOUSLY, THESE
25 MONUMENTAL ISSUES LEAD US TO SEPARATE PUBLIC HEALTH FROM THE



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1 PERSONAL HEALTH. BUT THE BENEFITS OF SERVICE INTEGRATION AND
2 TEAMWORK ARE STILL AS COMPELLING TODAY AS THEY WERE 34 YEARS
3 AGO. WE MUST STILL PURSUE THOSE BENEFITS WHEREVER THERE'S AN
4 OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE COUNTY SERVICES OR ACHIEVE POTENTIAL
5 SAVINGS. THAT IS WHY, AT THE BOARD'S REQUEST, THE C.A.O. IS
6 FACILITATING AN M.O.U. BETWEEN PERSONAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC
7 HEALTH, AN M.O.U. WITH MENTAL HEALTH IS ALSO FORTHCOMING.
8 THESE M.O.U.S WILL ADDRESS HOW THE DEPARTMENTS WILL USE THEIR
9 EXPERTISE TO INTEGRATE SERVICES TO OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS. THIS
10 IS ESPECIALLY VITAL IN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE. WE
11 WORKED HARD TO BRING EVERYBODY TOGETHER IN THESE INTEGRATIONS
12 ON OUR M.O.U.S AND OUR MAINTENANCE OF EFFORTS AND, YOU KNOW,
13 MUTUAL AIDS BUT ACHIEVING TRUE TEAMWORK WILL REQUIRE
14 COMMITMENT OF COUNTY AND HEALTH OFFICIALS FROM THE TOP TO THE
15 BOTTOM AND IT MUST START AT THE TOP WITH THE BOARD AND C.A.O.
16 OVERSIGHT AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO ENSURE THAT THESE INTEGRATION
17 EFFORTS WORK WELL. SO I WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS, ONE, APPROVE THE C.A.O.'S RECOMMENDATION CREATING
19 AN INDEPENDENT PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT. TWO, INSTRUCT THE
20 C.A.O. TO, (A) REPORT TO THE BOARD ON THE SEPARATION'S
21 PROGRESS ON A MONTHLY BASIS FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF
22 OPERATION, QUARTERLY THEREAFTER FOR THE FIRST YEAR TO ENSURE
23 THAT THE TRANSITION OCCURS ORDERLY AND WITHOUT INCIDENT. (B)
24 PRODUCE, WITHIN ONE YEAR FROM THE DAY OR I UNDERSTAND SOME
25 MEMBERS MAY WANT A SHORTER PERIOD OF TIME, AN EXPERT AND



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1 INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE IMPACT OF SEPARATION THAT INCLUDES
2 BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE M.O.U. BETWEEN THE
3 DEPARTMENTS OF PERSONAL HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH AND MENTAL
4 HEALTH TO FOSTER GREATER TEAMWORK AND INTEGRATION AND (C)
5 PROVIDE THE BOARD A REPORT WITHIN ONE YEAR FROM THE DAY THAT
6 IDENTIFIES CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSIBILITIES THAT ARE NOT
7 ALLOWING WITH ITS CORE MISSION AND WHICH RECOMMENDS THE MOST
8 APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONAL SETTING FOR EACH OF THESE PROGRAMS.
9 THE REPORTS SPECIFIED IN (B), (C) ABOVE ARE TO BE DEVELOPED IN
10 CONSULTATION WITH THE VARIOUS AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS, THE LABOR
11 TEAM, COUNTY COMMISSION, MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVES
12 AND HEALTHCARE ADVOCATES. AND I'D PUT THAT ON THE TABLE.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** I-- GO AHEAD. I WAS, TOO, BUT GO AHEAD. WELL, I
15 HAVE JUST A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT. WOULDN'T IT BE
16 BETTER TO GET SOME IDEA IN, SAY, SIX MONTHS, RATHER THAN WAIT
17 FOR A YEAR TO GET A REAL EVALUATION?

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** SIX MONTHS IS FINE. I'M FINE WITH THAT. ARE YOU
20 TALKING ABOUT THE INDEPENDENT ONE?

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY.

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** THE OTHER THING THAT I'M A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT,
2 WE'VE HAD SO MANY PROBLEMS WITH H.I.V., PARTICULARLY, AND
3 SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO MEDICAL AND
4 DENTAL TREATMENT. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO FIND OUT IF THERE MIGHT
5 BE ANY KIND OF CONFUSION THAT WOULD RESULT FROM-- OR
6 INSTABILITY THAT MIGHT RESULT FROM A QUESTION OF WHETHER OR
7 NOT THEY WOULD REMAIN IN THE DEPARTMENT. AND I WOULD LIKE TO
8 GET SOME KIND OF INPUT FROM-- FIRST FROM DR. FIELDING IN TERMS
9 OF H.I.V. PARTICULARLY, THE MEDICAL AND DENTAL TREATMENT FOR
10 H.I.V.

11
12 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** SUPERVISOR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YES.
13 WE FUND BUT PUBLIC HEALTH DOES NOT PROVIDE THE SERVICES. THE
14 SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY PERSONAL HEALTH AT ALL OF THE-- AT
15 FOUR OF THE HOSPITALS AND AT THE MAC IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
16 AND ALSO BY PRIVATE PROVIDERS AND IT'S A VERY WIDE RANGE OF
17 SERVICES. MOREOVER, TREATMENT AND PREVENTION ARE INTEGRATED.
18 WE SPEND PERHAPS IN THE ORDER OF \$30 MILLION A YEAR ON
19 PREVENTIVE SERVICES TRYING TO HELP CONTROL THIS TERRIBLE
20 EPIDEMIC. SO THE SERVICES ARE REALLY VERY INTEGRATED AND
21 LINKED, WHICH IS WHY WE THINK THEY BELONG TOGETHER.

22
23 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S WHY I ASKED AS WELL OF THE COMMISSIONS AND
24 SOME OF THE OUTSIDE ADVOCATES TO WEIGH IN, IN THE COMMUNITY
25 BASIS.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** ON WHETHER OR NOT THOSE SHOULD BE...

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT.

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6 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, WHEN YOU SAY PROVIDED TOGETHER, THAT THAT
7 WOULD BE A MATTER OF WHETHER OR NOT THEY SHOULD GO WITH ONE
8 DEPARTMENT OR THE OTHER OR JUST SOME KIND OF A JOINT
9 ARRANGEMENT?

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** EXACTLY. I MEAN, WHETHER IT RELATES TO THE CORE
12 MISSION. IF IT DOESN'T, HOW SHOULD IT BE RELEGATED, JOINTLY,
13 INDEPENDENTLY OR MOVED UNDER PERSONAL HEALTH.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** I WOULD LIKE TO GET SOME IDEA FROM THE C.A.O. AS
16 TO WHAT IS PROPOSED IN TERMS OF THOSE JOINT FUNCTIONS THAT WE
17 TALKED ABOUT. I ASSUME THAT PROBABLY YOU WOULD NOT HAVE TWO
18 HUMAN SERVICES, YOU PROBABLY WOULD NOT HAVE TWO C.I.O.S. I
19 WOULD LIKE TO GET SOME IDEA OF WHAT IS ANTICIPATED AS THOSE
20 TYPES OF SERVICES THAT WOULD BE JOINTLY FACILITATED.

21

22 **SHARON HARPER:** OKAY. BASICALLY, MAYOR AND SUPERVISORS, WHAT
23 WE'VE PUT TOGETHER IS AN ORGANIZATION THAT WILL WORK TOGETHER
24 IN ORDER TO ACHIEVING THE MISSIONS. THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME
25 JOINT SERVICES IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARENA BUT, IN PARTICULAR,



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1 IN RESPONSE TO SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION, A LOT OF THE
2 PROGRAMS RIGHT NOW ARE CURRENTLY UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH
3 ADMINISTRATION AND SO THE PROPOSAL WAS THAT THEY WOULD, IF
4 IT'S APPROVED FOR THE DEPARTMENTS TO BE SEPARATED, THAT THEY
5 WOULD CONTINUE TO REMAIN IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH ARENA WITH US
6 LOOKING AT IT IN THE FUTURE TO SEE IF THAT'S THE BEST
7 ALIGNMENT.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT I ASSUME THAT THERE ARE GOING TO BE SOME
10 FUNCTIONS THAT ARE JOINT?

11

12 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** SUPERVISOR, YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT AND
13 H.I.V. IS A GOOD EXAMPLE. AS PART OF THIS BROAD APPROACH TO
14 H.I.V., WE FUND A LOT OF THE DIRECT SERVICES THE DEPARTMENT
15 PROVIDES AND PERSONAL HEALTH PROVIDES AND THAT WOULDN'T
16 CHANGE.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, WHAT I'M REALLY GETTING AT, ARE THERE
19 PARTICULAR DEPARTMENTS OR FUNCTIONS THAT YOU'D HAVE ONE PERSON
20 DOING IT OR ONE DEPARTMENT DOING IT FOR BOTH, PUBLIC HEALTH
21 AND FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT?

22

23 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** I DON'T THINK WE HAVE ANY OF THOSE,
24 SUPERVISOR.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** EVERYTHING WOULD BE SEPARATE. YOU'D HAVE YOUR OWN
2 H.R.?

3

4 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** CORRECT.

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6 **SUP. BURKE:** AND YOU'D HAVE YOUR OWN INFORMATION OFFICER?

7

8 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** CORRECT.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. I HAVE SOME OTHER QUESTIONS, BUT THEY
11 DEAL WITH THE PUBLIC HEALTH PORTION.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST WANTED TO OFFER THIS AMENDMENT TO MR.
16 KNABE'S MOTION ON LETTER (C). IT'S A SUBTLE BUT I THINK
17 IMPORTANT CHANGE AND I THINK-- I THINK YOU'RE OKAY WITH THIS
18 BUT LET ME OFFER IT UP. THAT PROVIDE THE BOARD A REPORT WITHIN
19 ONE YEAR FROM TODAY, I GUESS THAT WOULD BE SIX MONTHS.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** IS SIX MONTHS OKAY?

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S FINE WITH ME. AND THEN READ AS
24 FOLLOWS, THAT IDENTIFIES IF THERE ARE ANY CURRENT PUBLIC
25 HEALTH RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH, IN ITS OPINION, THAT'S THE



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1 C.A.O., THE BOARD SHOULD CONSIDER FOR POSSIBLE PLACEMENT IN A
2 DIFFERENT DEPARTMENT WITH AN ACCOMPANYING RECOMMENDATION AND
3 RATIONALE.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** ABSOLUTELY, I SUPPORT THAT. MINE WASN'T CLEAR
6 ENOUGH. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S ALL I HAD ON THAT.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME JUST-- DR. FIELDING, DR.
11 CHERNOF, WHAT TYPE OF STAFFING WOULD BE NEEDED FOR A
12 CENTRALIZED ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION WITH THE TWO DEPARTMENTS
13 SEPARATED?

14

15 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** SUPERVISOR, WE WORKED THIS OUT WITH THE
16 C.A.O. AND THERE ARE 25 POSITIONS AT \$1.7 MILLION AND WE ARE
17 COMMITTED TO MAKE THAT NO INCREASE IN COUNTY COSTS BY
18 INCREASING OUR EFFICIENCY BY THAT AMOUNT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FUND THAT FROM
21 YOUR EXISTING BUDGETS?

22

23 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** YES, SIR.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WHAT ARE THE CLINICAL IMPLICATIONS
2 IN SEPARATING THE TWO DEPARTMENTS?

3

4 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** I DO NOT-- RIGHT NOW, THE DEPARTMENT'S
5 FUNCTION, I MEAN, THE TWO PIECES FUNCTION QUITE AUTONOMOUSLY.
6 WE DO NOT FORESEE A CHANGE IN THE CLINICAL SERVICES, BASED ON
7 THIS SEPARATION. WE'LL CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY, AS BRUCE
8 INDICATED, WE'VE COMMITTED THAT WE'LL MAKE SURE THAT, WHATEVER
9 THE BOARD DECIDES, AND IF THE BOARD DECIDES FOR SEPARATION,
10 THAT WE MAKE SURE THERE IS CAREFUL INTEGRATION AND YOU'RE
11 GOING TO HAVE OVERSIGHT OF THAT, AS WELL, COMING BACK AND
12 LOOKING AT THAT ISSUE, SO THERE SHOULD BE NO CLINICAL IMPACT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE...

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE ONE ITEM THAT I'D LIKE TO ASK DR. FIELDING
17 ABOUT THAT I MIGHT BE ABLE TO RESOLVE AND THEN I HAVE A MOTION
18 ON IT I'LL PASS OUT. DR. FIELDING, HOW MANY SEPARATE CLINICS
19 ARE THERE THAT ARE PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICS?

20

21 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THERE ARE ABOUT 14 CLINICS, SUPERVISOR.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** WE HAVE ONE CLINIC, WHICH IS THE WATTS CLINIC, AND
24 IT'S OPEN ONLY FROM 8:00 TO 10:30 AND FROM 12:30 TO 3:00. THEY
25 REQUIRE EVERYONE TO GET THERE AT 8:30 AND SIT UNTIL THEY'RE



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1 CALLED AND I THOUGHT, IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WE HAD
2 ELIMINATED THIS KIND OF SCHEDULING AND THAT WE HAD COME TO A
3 POINT OF WHERE PEOPLE RECEIVED APPOINTMENTS RATHER THAN
4 EVERYONE COMING AT ONE TIME AND SITTING ALL DAY. WELL, NOW, OF
5 COURSE, HERE THEY AREN'T SITTING ALL DAY BECAUSE IT'S NOT OPEN
6 ALL DAY. AND THEN I RECEIVED A COMPLAINT FROM PEOPLE WHO HAD
7 ACTUAL APPOINTMENTS TO MEET WITH SOMEONE THERE, THEY GOT THERE
8 AND IT THERE WAS ONLY A SECRETARY THERE. IT WAS CLOSED FOR ALL
9 PRACTICAL PURPOSES. IS THAT TRUE OF ALL OF THEM, ARE THEY ONLY
10 OPEN FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF IN THE MORNING AND AN HOUR AND A
11 HALF IN THE AFTERNOON?

12

13 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** NO, IT DEPENDS, SUPERVISOR, ON THE
14 SPECIFIC CLINIC. ONE OF THE ISSUES WE HAVE IS THAT WE'RE
15 TREATING PRIMARILY PEOPLE WITH T.B. AND WITH SEXUALLY
16 TRANSMITTED DISEASES NOW-- SO A LOT OF THESE PEOPLE ARE COMING
17 TO US FOR SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES BECAUSE THEY DON'T
18 WANT TO BE SEEN SOMEWHERE ELSE, THEY'RE EMBARRASSED, THEY WANT
19 TO BE ANONYMOUS. AND SO, KNOWING THEY CAN SHOW UP, IT'S VERY
20 DIFFICULT TO KNOW TO GIVE THEM APPOINTMENTS BECAUSE THEY'RE
21 BASICALLY JUST SHOWING UP, THEY LOOK AND SEE, HERE'S WHEN THE
22 THING IS OPEN AND THAT'S WHEN...

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT THEY HAVE TO SIT ALL DAY SO EVERYONE IN THE
25 WORLD SEES THEM IF THEY HAVE TO SIT FOR THREE HOURS.



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2 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WELL, IN SOME CASES, IN SOME CASES,
3 UNFORTUNATELY THAT'S THE CASE BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW EXACTLY
4 WHEN THEY'RE GOING TO COME AND THE OTHER THING WE DON'T WANT
5 IS OUR S.T.D. PROVIDERS THAT ARE JUST SITTING THERE, FOR
6 PEOPLE WHO COME BACK FOR APPOINTMENTS AFTER HAVING BEEN SEEN
7 THE FIRST TIME, WE DO THAT AND FOR T.B. PATIENTS, BUT WE'LL BE
8 HAPPY TO LOOK INTO THAT AND TRY AND MAKE THAT-- AND LOOK AT
9 HOW WE CAN INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE A MOTION THAT, PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES
12 TO THIS FACILITY, WHERE THEY ARE ONLY ABLE TO PROVIDE SERVICE
13 FOR 20 PATIENTS ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS, TO--
14 THERE'S ANOTHER HEALTH PROVIDER, WATTS HEALTH CENTER, LOCATED
15 NEARBY AND IT'S ALREADY ONE OF OUR PPP CLINICS, LOCATED LESS
16 THAN 2/10THS OF A MILE FROM SOUTH HEALTH CENTER. I WOULD LIKE
17 TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF EXPANDING THE EXISTING
18 PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT SO THAT THERE COULD BE AVAILABLE
19 SERVICES ON A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME OR RELIABLE AMOUNT OF
20 SERVICE AND WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH
21 SERVICES OR, IF THIS IS SEPARATED OUT, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
22 HEALTH TO CONDUCT A COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS, EXAMINE THE
23 FEASIBILITY OF D.H.S. PARTNERING WITH THE WATTS HEALTH CENTER
24 TO PROVIDE SERVICES CONCURRENTLY, CURRENTLY BEING OFFERED BY
25 THE SOUTH HEALTH CENTER AND ALSO TO REVIEW THE NUMBER OF



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1 PATIENTS THAT ARE ACTUALLY SEEN THERE ANNUALLY AND THE
2 STAFFING PATTERNS AND THE HOURS OF OPERATION. DOES THIS CLINIC
3 ONLY DO SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES, OR DO THEY DO
4 IMMUNIZATIONS AS WELL?

5

6 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** I'M SORRY, SUPERVISOR?

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** DO THEY DO IMMUNIZATIONS AS WELL AS SEXUALLY
9 TRANSMITTED DISEASES?

10

11 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** YES, YES, THEY DO, SUPERVISOR.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** SO A PARENT WHO WANTS TO BRING THEIR CHILD TO BE
14 IMMUNIZED, THEY HAVE TO COME AND SIT FOR AN HOUR AND A-- THEY
15 HAVE TO GET THERE AT 8:30 AND STAY?

16

17 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** NO. GENERALLY SPEAKING, IF THEY COME
18 IN, THAT'S A VERY QUICK THING AND SO THEY'RE NOT NECESSARILY--
19 ONCE AGAIN, PEOPLE JUST TEND TO DROP IN WITHOUT APPOINTMENTS.
20 WE THINK THAT THE BEST PLACE FOR IMMUNIZATIONS IS WHERE
21 SOMEBODY'S GETTING CONTINUOUS CARE. WE'RE BASICALLY A BACKSTOP
22 AND SO PEOPLE DON'T COME IN. IT'S AGAIN, WE'RE NOT A PRIMARY
23 CARE, WE ARE PROVIDING IT TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE TRIED. FOR
24 EXAMPLE, THIS LAST YEAR, THERE WERE PLACES THAT DIDN'T GET



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1 VACCINE IN A TIMELY FASHION AND SO THEY HEAR ABOUT US AND THEY
2 COME IN TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE IMMUNIZED, SO IT'S NOT...

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, SEE, WHAT WE'RE TOLD IS THAT YOU CAN'T JUST
5 COME IN, THAT YOU HAVE TO GET THERE AT 8:30 AND WAIT AND IF
6 YOU-- AND, AT 8:30, THEY DECIDE WHAT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO
7 ARE GOING TO BE SEEN FROM 8:30 TO 10:30 OR 10:00 AND, IF
8 YOU'RE ONE OF THOSE 20, THEN YOU GET TO WAIT. IF YOU'RE NOT,
9 YOU HAVE TO COME BACK IN THE AFTERNOON AND WAIT FOR THAT
10 PERIOD OF TIME, THAT IT'S NOT DROP IN.

11

12 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** FOR IMMUNIZATIONS, MY UNDERSTANDING,
13 AND I'LL BE HAPPY TO INVESTIGATE, IS I THINK YOU'RE TALKING
14 ABOUT SOUTH HEALTH CENTER, IS THAT WE ARE ABLE TO TAKE MANY
15 PEOPLE FOR IMMUNIZATIONS THAT COME IN WITHOUT THOSE
16 APPOINTMENTS BUT, FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED S.T.D. SERVICES, FOR
17 EXAMPLE, IT'S TRUE, WE HAVE A LIMITED NUMBER OF PROVIDERS, A
18 LIMITED NUMBER OF SLOTS AND SO WE'RE ONLY ABLE TO SEE A
19 CERTAIN NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THAT ALLOCATED-- IN THAT ALLOCATED
20 PERIOD OF TIME.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** I KNOW THAT YOU PASS BY THERE IN THE MORNING, YOU
23 SEE THEM LINED UP, WAITING FOR IT TO OPEN.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** LIKE ON THOSE S.T.D. SERVICES, COULD I JUST FOLLOW
2 UP ON THAT QUESTION, BECAUSE ISN'T THAT THE OTHER PROBLEM?
3 THEY CAN WAIT ALL DAY AND THEY GET TO SEE AND THEN IF THEY
4 HAVE-- FIND OUT THEY HAVE OTHER ADDITIONAL NEEDS, THEY HAVE TO
5 GO SOMEPLACE ELSE?

6

7 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THAT IS CORRECT, SUPERVISOR, AND THE
8 REASON WE PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES IS THAT BECAUSE THESE ARE
9 PEOPLE WHO DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE GOING TO THEIR USUAL
10 PROVIDER AND, YOU KNOW, THEY'RE EMBARRASSED, THEY'RE AFRAID
11 AND SO THEY WIND UP COMING TO THIS-- TO THIS SERVICE AND IT IS
12 A LIMITED SERVICE. THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH WHAT'S DONE MANY
13 OTHER PLACES IN THE COUNTRY BUT IT'S A LIMITED GROUP. WE DON'T
14 PROVIDE ALL THE S.T.D. SERVICES. FOR TUBERCULOSIS, BY
15 CONTRAST, WE PROVIDE THE MAJORITY OF SERVICES FOR EVERYBODY IN
16 L.A. COUNTY BECAUSE THERE'S A LIMITED NUMBER OF PATIENTS, IT
17 REQUIRES VERY SPECIFIC EXPERTISE AND THERE ARE A LOT OF
18 PROBLEMS. SO IF YOU'RE NOT SEEING A FAIR NUMBER OF CASES, IT
19 DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO, YOU KNOW, BE PROVIDING CARE FOR THAT.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, IF YOU PASS BY THERE BEFORE 8:30, YOU SEE
22 ALL THE PEOPLE LINED UP AND SO, I MEAN, ANYBODY PASSING BY
23 COULD TELL WHO IS THERE, I MEAN, SO IT'S NOT LIKE A SECRET
24 BUT-- SO I REALLY WOULD LIKE-- I'M PASSING THIS AMENDMENT OUT
25 AND I'D LIKE TO GET A REPORT BACK ON THAT AND EVALUATION.



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2 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** CERTAINLY.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** WE'LL PASS IT OUT. YOU HAVE IT. EVERYONE HAS IT.
5 SO I WOULD MOVE THE AMENDMENT.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE'LL PUT THEM ON THE TABLE. WE
8 HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT WANT TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. FIRST
9 IS DR. MARK HORTON, DR. RICHARD BROWN, LESTER BRESLAV AND
10 ROBERT DONIN. WE'RE GOING TO CALL THOSE WHO SIGNED UP FOR 83,
11 84 AND 87 AT THE SAME TIME. DR. HORTON?

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13 **DR. MARK G. HORTON:** YES.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. DR. BROWN?

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17 **DR. RICHARD BROWN:** YES.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IS ROBERT DONIN HERE? DO YOU WANT TO
20 COME UP? THERE'S ANOTHER CHAIR. DR. BRESLAV? WHOEVER WANTS TO
21 COME FIRST.

22

23 **DR. MARK G. HORTON:** HI. IT'S DR. MARK HORTON. I'M THE STATE
24 PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER AND CURRENT CHIEF DEPUTY IN THE
25 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES IN CALIFORNIA HERE TO TESTIFY,



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1 GIVE A FEW THOUGHTS ABOUT YOUR CONSIDERATIONS AND I WANT TO
2 APPLAUD YOU AS A BOARD IN CONSIDERATION OF SOME ORGANIZATIONAL
3 STRUCTURE. IT'S AN APPROPRIATE ROLE OF LEADERSHIP AND
4 MANAGEMENT TO PERIODICALLY REVIEW THE ORGANIZATIONAL
5 STRUCTURES OF THE KEY FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES YOU HAVE
6 UNDER YOUR CHARGE TO ENSURE THEY ARE APPROPRIATELY NOT
7 CREATING BARRIERS AND PROMOTING THE MISSION AND FUNCTION OF
8 EACH OF THOSE DEPARTMENTS, SO WE APPLAUD THAT EFFORT.
9 CERTAINLY, THE GOVERNOR HAS CALLED UPON THE LEGISLATURE TO
10 WORK WITH HIM TO ORGANIZE THE EXISTING CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT
11 OF HEALTH SERVICES TO CREATE TWO NEW DEPARTMENTS, THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND A DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE
13 SERVICES. HE FEELS THAT THE CREATION OF A NEW DEPARTMENT OF
14 PUBLIC HEALTH WILL ELEVATE THE VISIBILITY AND IMPORTANCE OF
15 PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES IN THE PUBLIC ARENA AND INCREASE
16 ACCOUNTABILITY AND EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF PUBLIC
17 HEALTHCARE AND HEALTHCARE PURCHASING IN STATE GOVERNMENT. WE
18 ALSO FEEL THAT IT WILL STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIPS, OUR
19 PARTNERSHIPS WITH FEDERAL AND LOCAL PARTNERS IN PUBLIC HEALTH,
20 OUR ACADEMIC PARTNERS AND OUR HEALTHCARE PARTNERS IN
21 DELIVERING THE IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THE KEY
22 FEATURES OF THE PROPOSED REORGANIZATION AT THE STATE LEVEL IS
23 THE CREATION OF A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, WHOSE MISSION
24 WILL BE TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE HEALTH STATUS OF
25 CALIFORNIANS THROUGH PROGRAMS AND POLICIES THAT USE



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1 POPULATION-WIDE OR COMMUNITYWIDE INTERVENTIONS FOCUSING ON
2 PREVENTION. THE CORE FUNCTIONS WITHIN THIS NEW DEPARTMENT OF
3 PUBLIC HEALTH WILL INCLUDE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
4 COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL, CHRONIC DISEASE AND INJURY
5 PREVENTION, LABORATORY SCIENCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, AS
6 WELL AS HEALTH FACILITY LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION. THE
7 MISSION OF THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES WILL BE
8 TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE HEALTH AND STATUS OF CALIFORNIANS
9 THROUGH THE FINANCING AND DELIVERY OF INDIVIDUAL HEALTHCARE
10 SERVICES. CORE FUNCTIONS THERE WILL INCLUDE THE MEDI-CAL
11 PROGRAM AND OTHER PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE OR PURCHASE HEALTHCARE
12 SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS. SO WE'RE REALLY TALKING ABOUT
13 MANAGEMENT FOCUS AND MISSION FOCUS. THE HEAD OF THE NEW
14 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WILL BE LED BY A PHYSICIAN WITH
15 PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERIENCE AND MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE. THE
16 DIRECTOR WILL SERVE AS THE STATE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER AND BE
17 APPOINTED AND SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR. THE NEW
18 DEPARTMENT WILL BE LOCATED WITHIN THE CURRENT HEALTH AND HUMAN
19 SERVICES AGENCY AS A SEPARATE AND NEW DEPARTMENT. WE ARE
20 ANTICIPATING THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE FOR THE NEW
21 DEPARTMENT WILL BE THE FIRST OF JULY, 2007. WE ALSO ANTICIPATE
22 THAT THIS WILL BE BUDGET NEUTRAL, CAPITALIZING ON EFFICIENCIES
23 THAT WE'LL BE ABLE TO GLEAN THROUGH THE REORGANIZATION,
24 ANTICIPATING THAT OUTSIDE THE CURRENT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
25 SERVICES, THERE ARE ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS THAT MAY WELL NEED TO-



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1 - WE NEED TO LOOK AT FURTHER CONSOLIDATIONS. THE GOVERNOR WILL
2 CONVENE A WORK GROUP OF CABINET SECRETARIES TO CONTINUE THE
3 PROCESS OF LOOKING AT POSSIBLE COLLABORATION. ONCE AGAIN, I
4 APPLAUD YOUR EFFORTS. I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE FOR LEADERSHIP
5 TO LOOK AT ORGANIZATION AND WE WILL BE LEARNING FROM EACH
6 OTHER AS WE PLOW THROUGH THIS PROCESS TOGETHER. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **DR. RICHARD BROWN:** MY NAME IS DR. RICHARD BROWN, I'M PROFESSOR
11 OF PUBLIC HEALTH AT UCLA AND DIRECTOR OF THE UCLA CENTER FOR
12 HEALTH POLICY RESEARCH. I'M SPEAKING TODAY REPRESENTING A
13 COALITION OF 17 PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE LEADERS AND AN
14 ORGANIZATION THAT HAVE SIGNED ON TO A POSITION PAPER AND EACH
15 OF YOU HAS A COPY OF THAT POSITION PAPER IN FRONT OF YOU. OUR
16 COALITION IS CALLED COALITION FOR A STRONG PUBLIC HEALTH
17 DEPARTMENT. AND WE MAKE FIVE POINTS AND I'D LIKE TO VERY
18 BRIEFLY SUMMARIZE OUR PAPER WITH THESE FIVE POINTS IN SUPPORT
19 OF SEPARATING PUBLIC HEALTH FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
20 SERVICES. FIRST, THERE IS THE ISSUE THAT PUBLIC HEALTH REALLY
21 HAS A DIFFERENT MISSION AND DIFFERENT PRIORITIES AND EXPERTISE
22 INCORPORATED IN IT THAN THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL CARE
23 SERVICES. THE SEPARATION WOULD RECOGNIZE THAT DIFFERENCE IN
24 PRIORITIES AND RESPECT IT. SECONDLY, AND THIS IS PERHAPS THE
25 MOST IMPORTANT REASON, THE SEPARATION WOULD ENABLE THE PUBLIC



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1 HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO ADVOCATE ITS OWN PRIORITIES AND MOBILIZE
2 ADMINISTRATIVE RESOURCES IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
3 PRIORITIES. CURRENTLY, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TENDS
4 TO BE OVERWHELMED WITH THE NEEDS OF MEDICAL CARE AND THOSE
5 PRIORITIES, APPROPRIATELY IN THAT DEPARTMENT, TAKE PRECEDENCE.
6 THIRD, THIS WOULD IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH'S ABILITY TO MEET
7 EMERGING PUBLIC HEALTH NEEDS, AVIAN FLU AND OTHER FLU
8 PANDEMICS, POTENTIAL DISASTERS, NATURAL DISASTERS AND
9 BIOTERRORISM. FOURTH, THIS WOULD DIMINISH-- THIS WOULD
10 ENHANCE, RATHER, RATHER THAN DIMINISH, THE ABILITY OF THE TWO
11 DEPARTMENTS TO WORK TOGETHER AND SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE PUBLIC
12 HEALTH NEEDS TO REACH OUT, NOT ONLY TO PUBLIC HEALTHCARE
13 PROVIDERS BUT TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR AS WELL, THE PRIVATE
14 HOSPITALS AND PRIVATE PHYSICIANS AND ENABLE THEM ALL TO
15 COORDINATE TOGETHER. WE BELIEVE THAT THE STRONGER, MORE
16 VISIBLE ROLE FOR A PUBLIC HEALTH LEADER IN THE COUNTY WOULD
17 ENABLE THEM TO DO THAT. FIFTH, THIS WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH
18 THE VERY STRONG PRECEDENCE THAT EXISTS AROUND THE COUNTRY AT
19 BOTH THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS. DR. HORTON SPOKE ABOUT THE
20 MOVE BEING MADE JOINTLY BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR
21 SCHWARZENEGGER TO CREATE A SEPARATE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
22 FOR THE VERY REASONS THAT WE ARE ADVOCATING THE SEPARATION
23 HERE IN LOS ANGELES. AND THIS IS A SYSTEM, A SEPARATION OF
24 THESE TWO KINDS OF AGENCIES THAT HAS WORKED WELL IN
25 MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY: SEATTLE, KINGS



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1 COUNTY, BOSTON, NEW YORK, CHICAGO AND MANY OTHER COMMUNITIES.
2 I WOULD LIKE TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE SIGNATORIES ON THIS
3 POSITION PAPER, WHO INCLUDE NOT ONLY MYSELF AND DR. BRESLAV,
4 WHO YOU'LL HEAR FROM IN A MOMENT, BUT ALSO DR. FRANCINE
5 KAUFMAN, WHO IS A DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF PEDIATRICS AT THE
6 U.S.C. TECH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND A PAST PRESIDENT OF THE
7 AMERICAN DIABETES SOCIETY; DR. TAKASHI WADA, WHO IS THE PUBLIC
8 HEALTH OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF PASADENA; DR. MARION JOHNSON,
9 WHO IS A FORMER HEALTH OFFICER FOR CENTRAL HEALTH CENTER IN
10 LOS ANGELES AND ALSO FORMER HEALTH OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF
11 LONG BEACH; DR. MICHAEL KUSINO, PROFESSOR AT U.S.C. SCHOOL OF
12 MEDICINE; DR. ANN STAVERIN, WHO'S A SENIOR FACULTY MEMBER AND
13 STAFF PHYSICIAN AT KAISER PERMANENTE; DR. TONY YANCEY, WHO IS
14 ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IN THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND CO-
15 DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER TO ELIMINATE HEALTH DISPARITIES; DR.
16 ROB MCCONNELL, WHO IS PROFESSOR OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE AT THE
17 U.S.C. TECH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE; DR. JOHN PETERS, WHO IS ALSO
18 PROFESSOR IN THE SAME DEPARTMENT AT U.S.C.; DR. JOHN VALENTE,
19 WHO'S DIRECTOR OF THE MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM IN
20 PREVENTIVE MEDICINE AT U.S.C.; SAMUEL GARRISON, WHO IS THE
21 PUBLIC POLICY MANAGER FOR THE LOS ANGELES AREA CHAMBER OF
22 COMMERCE; MR. STEVEN GALLEGOS, WHO IS THE PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT
23 FOR PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY ADVOCATES; DR. SYLVIA SWILLY, WHO IS
24 A PARTNER, A PHYSICIAN PARTNER AT KAISER PERMANENTE; DR.
25 ANDRIATTA WARD, WHO IS AN INSTRUCTOR AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL;



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1 DR. MICHELLE CLARK, WHO IS CHAIR OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
2 BLACK PSYCHIATRISTS ASSOCIATION; LORETTA JONES, WHO IS
3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HEALTHY AFRICAN-AMERICANS FAMILIES;
4 AND, FINALLY, AN ORGANIZATION, THE ASSOCIATION OF BLACK WOMEN
5 PHYSICIANS, WHO HAS ALSO ENDORSED THIS POSITION PAPER. I
6 WANTED TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR, ONE, CONSIDERING THIS ISSUE
7 AND FOR ALLOWING US TO PRESENT OUR POSITION ON THIS. THANK
8 YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. DR. BRESLAV.

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12 **DR. LESTER BRESLAV:** MY NAME IS DR. LESTER BRESLAV, I'M
13 SPEAKING HERE AS AN INDIVIDUAL. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY
14 TO SPEAK BRIEFLY ON WHY PUBLIC HEALTH SHOULD BE SEPARATED FROM
15 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. OVER THE PAST THREE
16 DECADES, PUBLIC HEALTH IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS SUFFERED
17 INCREASINGLY BY BEING SUBMERGED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
18 SERVICES, WHERE THE OVERWHELMING PRIORITY MUST GO TO HOSPITAL
19 AND MEDICAL SERVICES. LET ME GIVE YOU TWO CONCRETE EXAMPLES. A
20 BIOTERRORISM FUNDED CONTRACT TO CREDENTIAL VOLUNTEER
21 HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AS REQUIRED BY THE CENTERS FOR
22 DISEASE CONTROL GRANTS TOOK OVER 12 MONTHS TO GET THROUGH
23 CONTRACTS AND GRANTS IN THE DEPARTMENT AS IT WAS REPEATEDLY
24 DISPLACED BY OTHER PRIORITIES. PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY
25 SUPPLIES AND REAGENTS HAVE NOT BEEN ORDERED AND RECEIVED



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1 PROMPTLY DUE TO A BACKLOG OF ACQUISITION REQUESTS IN THE
2 DEPARTMENT'S MATERIALS MANAGEMENT DIVISION OR BECAUSE THE
3 VENDORS HAVE INSTITUTED A CREDIT HOLD BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT
4 BEEN PAID. NOT HAVING THESE SUPPLIES AND REAGENTS ON HAND
5 COMPROMISES THE LABORATORY'S ABILITY TO CULTURE AND IDENTIFY
6 PATHOGENIC ORGANISMS IN A TIMELY MANNER. I WANT TO EMPHASIZE
7 THAT THIS LABORATORY SERVICE GOES TO ALL OF THE HOSPITALS IN
8 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, NOT JUST THE PUBLIC HOSPITALS. PUBLIC
9 HEALTH IS NOW GAINING RECOGNITION FOR ITS ROLE IN URGENT
10 HEALTH PROBLEMS, BIOTERRORISM, AVIAN FLU, OBESITY, DIABETES
11 AND OTHER ASPECTS OF CHRONIC DISEASE CONTROL. THAT IS WHY WE
12 NEED A DISTINCT SEPARATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTING
13 DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, NOT ENCUMBERED BY HAVING
14 TO GO THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT'S HEALTH SERVICES' INFRASTRUCTURE
15 FOR BUDGET, PERSONNEL ACTIONS, PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING FOR
16 SERVICES WHERE THE DIRECTOR AND THE DEPARTMENT MUST-- AND
17 THEIR CULTURE ARE STRONGLY COMMITTED, AND RIGHTLY SO, TO
18 HOSPITALS AND CLINICS, WITH LITTLE TIME OR INCLINATION FOR
19 PUBLIC HEALTH, WHICH HAS BEEN PUSHED ASIDE. AS ONE WHO
20 ADVOCATED, IN 1972, THE MERGER OF HOSPITALS, CLINICS AND
21 PUBLIC HEALTH INTO SINGLE DEPARTMENT, I SEE NOW THE
22 DISADVANTAGE THAT IT HAS BROUGHT TO PUBLIC HEALTH OVER THESE
23 DECADES, ESPECIALLY IN RECENT YEARS. THE TIME HAS COME TO
24 SEPARATE THEM.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU ALSO FOR YOUR
2 CONTINUED PERSISTENCE AND BEING HERE FOR ALL OF THE PUBLIC
3 MEETINGS WE'VE HAD ON THIS ISSUE AND OTHER HEALTH-RELATED
4 ISSUES, DR. BRESLAV. APPRECIATE IT. THANK EACH OF YOU. LET ME
5 ALSO, BEFORE YOU SPEAK, CALL UP DR. CLAVREUL, STEVEN GALLEGOS
6 AND BARBARA SINCLAIR. YES, SIR.

7

8 **ROBERT DONIN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. MAYOR, MR. CHAIRMAN PRO TEM,
9 SUPERVISOR KNABE, SUPERVISORS BURKE AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA.
10 GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ROBERT DONIN, I AM THE PRESIDENT OF
11 TRI-PAC HEALTH AND WELLNESS ADVOCACY. I COME BEFORE YOU TODAY
12 TO REQUEST AND URGE AN AYE VOTE ON CREATING A SEPARATE PUBLIC
13 HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE ACCOMPANYING ORDINANCES. I APPLAUD
14 AND COMMEND SUPERVISOR KNABE, THE BOARD, THE C.A.O., HEALTH
15 DEPUTIES AND EVERYONE FOR BRINGING US TO WHERE WE ARE TODAY.
16 AN IMPORTANT DISTINCTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH IS THE
17 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE HEALTH OF THE ENTIRE L.A. COUNTY
18 POPULATION, A CHARGE OF THE D.H.S. IS MEETING THE MEDICAL CARE
19 NEEDS OF UNINSURED RESIDENTS THROUGH COUNTY CLINICS, HOSPITALS
20 AND COMMUNITY PROVIDER CONTRACTS. WE SEE IN THE NEWS ALMOST
21 EVERY DAY REPORTS OF EMERGING ISSUES SUCH AS BIOTERRORISM,
22 INFECTIOUS DISEASE PANDEMICS, EMPHASIZING THE NEED FOR STRONG
23 VISIBLE PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP. THERE IS A STRONG PRECEDENT
24 IN CREATING SEPARATE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS. DR. HORTON SO
25 ELOQUENTLY PUT IT IN HIS REMARKS, MENTIONING THAT GOVERNOR



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1 SCHWARZENEGGER AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE ARE PROPOSING
2 CREATION OF A SEPARATE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT THE STATE
3 OF CALIFORNIA LEVEL FOR THE SAME REASONS THAT A SEPARATE
4 DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN PROPOSED FOR THE COUNTY OF L.A. I URGE THE
5 BOARD TO ACT NOW TO CREATE A NEW SEPARATE PUBLIC HEALTH
6 DEPARTMENT THAT REPORTS DIRECTLY TO YOUR BOARD. THE CREATION
7 OF A SEPARATE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT WOULD PROVIDE
8 LEADERSHIP TO ADVOCATE PUBLIC HEALTH PRIORITIES TO YOUR BOARD.
9 AS A SEPARATE DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH WOULD HAVE GREATER
10 ABILITY TO MOBILIZE AND APPLY ITS RESOURCES TO PUBLIC HEALTH
11 PRIORITIES, INCLUDING INCREASED GREATER CONTROL OF
12 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES SUCH AS BUDGETING, PURCHASING
13 MATERIALS, CONTRACTING OF SERVICES AND HIRING OF PERSONNEL.
14 ALLOWING A SEPARATE DEPARTMENT WILL MINIMIZE PUBLIC HEALTH, IT
15 WILL IMPROVE ITS ABILITY OF THE PERSONAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH TO
16 MORE EFFICIENTLY ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS. SEPARATION WILL ALSO
17 DECREASE A LACK OF BUREAUCRACY AS PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
18 AND BUDGETING REQUESTS WILL NO LONGER BE GOING THROUGH THE
19 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. AND, FINALLY, CREATION OF A NEW
20 PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL STRENGTHEN THE COUNTY ABILITY TO
21 SAFEGUARD THE HEALTH OF L.A. RESIDENTS AND THEIR BUSINESSES.
22 THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION AND I ASK
23 FOR YOUR AYE VOTE.
24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP BARBARA SINCLAIR.

2 YES, DOCTOR?

3

4 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. DR. GENEVIEVE

5 CLAVREUL. WELL, I AM OPPOSED TO THAT FATE AND-- BECAUSE I AM

6 IN FAVOR OF A HEALTH AUTHORITY. AND I THINK, UNTIL WE GET A

7 HEALTH AUTHORITY, WHAT YOU ARE DOING ARE KIND OF SENSELESS.

8 ALSO, I THINK THERE IS NO PROVISION ON WHO IS GOING TO TAKE

9 THE HELM OF THAT NEW PUBLIC HEALTH AND I AM VERY CONCERNED

10 THAT THE HEAD OF THE D.H.S., WE DID NOT DO A NATIONAL SEARCH,

11 WE HAVE THE SAME PEOPLE WHO ARE PART OF THE PROBLEM AT THE

12 HEAD, WE'RE GOING TO DO THE SAME THING WITH PUBLIC HEALTH. A

13 FEW MINUTES AGO, DR. FIELDING SPECIFIED THAT ONE OF THE

14 MANDATES OF PUBLIC HEALTH, ESPECIALLY ON H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S.,

15 IS PREVENTION. WE HAVE THE HIGHEST RATE OF SICKNESS WE HAVE

16 HAD IN A LONG TIME IN L.A. COUNTY. IT IS OBVIOUS THE JOB IS

17 NOT WELL DONE. I AM EXTREMELY CONCERNED BECAUSE, LOOKING AT

18 THE MOTION, THINGS ARE NOT VERY CLEAR AND, WHEN I LOOK AT THE

19 ORDINANCE, 83 AND 84, THEY ARE NOT CLEAR AT ALL AND I THINK

20 WHEN YOU ARE CHANGING AN ORDINANCE, IT WOULD BE VERY NICE TO

21 HAVE THE TEST WHICH IS BEING CHANGED AND THIS DOES NOT APPEAR

22 IN THE DOCUMENTATION. I THINK, AS USUAL, WE'RE GOING FOR A

23 HALF SOLUTION. I DIDN'T HAVE TO BE CALLED BY SUPERVISOR

24 YAROSLAVSKY TO COME TO TESTIFY BECAUSE I'M DOING IT BECAUSE

25 IT'S THE RIGHT THING, BUT WHEN YOU WANT TO HAVE A STACK



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1 COMMENT, YOU CALL THE PEOPLE IN AND ASK THEM TO TESTIFY.
2 THAT'S OKAY, BECAUSE WE KNOW IT IS STAT TO START WITH AND I'M
3 STILL ASKING THE SAME QUESTION, HOW COME DR. FIELDING IS
4 RECEIVING A FULL PAY FROM THE COUNTY AND A FULL PAY FROM
5 U.C.L.A.? I DEFINITELY THINK IT'S A CONFLICT AND I AM VERY
6 CONCERNED BECAUSE BIOTERRORISM IS AN ISSUE I AM VERY MUCH
7 INVOLVED WITH AND I AM EXTREMELY CONCERNED OF WHO IS GOING TO
8 LEAD THAT BATTLE, BECAUSE I KNOW WE ARE NOT PREPARED AND THE
9 WAY THINGS ARE OUTLINED NOW, THERE IS NOT A CLEAR DEFINITION,
10 LIKE, EARLY ON, WHEN WE STARTED ABOUT THE SPLITTING OF THE
11 D.H.S. AND PUBLIC HEALTH, IT WAS A SUGGESTION THAT WE WILL
12 NEED AT LEAST EIGHT MORE PHYSICIANS TO CARRY THAT SEPARATION.
13 NOWHERE IT IS MENTIONED IN THE REPORT FROM THE C.A.O. OR
14 ANYBODY ELSE. SO I THINK THINGS HAVE NOT BEEN THOUGHT THROUGH
15 ON HOW THE SEPARATION WILL OCCUR AND THAT'S MY TWO CENTS.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, DOCTOR. YES, SIR.

18

19 **STEVEN GALLEGOS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS STEVEN GALLEGOS. I
20 WANT TO PUBLICLY THANK SUPERVISOR DON KNABE AND ALL THE
21 SUPERVISORS VOTING AND SUPPORTING HIS MOTION TO SEPARATE
22 PUBLIC HEALTH FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. PUBLIC
23 HEALTH, THE PRACTICAL SYSTEM THAT PREVENTS DISEASE, AND THE
24 WEAKEST ELEMENTS OF SOCIETY AND ENSURING THE PROTECTION FOR
25 ALL IN OUR COMMUNITY. MASS PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEMS REQUIRE MASS



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1 PUBLIC HEALTH SOLUTIONS, PREVENTION AND OUTREACH BEING THE KEY
2 WORDS. WITH THEIR FOCUS ON PREVENTIVE METHODS, PROGRESS IN
3 PREVENTIVE ENGINEERING AND OTHER SCIENCES WILL LEAD TO SAFER
4 ENVIRONMENT FOR THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF ALL LOS ANGELES
5 COUNTY RESIDENTS. I'D LIKE TO JUST CLOSE IN QUOTING DR.
6 EDWARD-- DR. EVERETT COOP, "HEALTHCARE IS VITAL TO ALL OF US
7 SOME OF THE TIME BUT PUBLIC HEALTH IS VITAL TO ALL OF US ALL
8 OF THE TIME". THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. JOSHUA RUTKOFF AND
11 ANTOINETTE YANCEY. MISS SINCLAIR?

12

13 **BARBARA PETERSON SINCLAIR:** I'M BARBARA PETERSON SINCLAIR,
14 PROFESSOR EMIRATE AND CURRENT CHAIR OF HEALTH SCIENCES AT
15 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES. HOWEVER, IT IS AS
16 SECRETARY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING THAT I
17 APPEAR BEFORE YOU TODAY. THE COMMISSION BELIEVES RATHER
18 STRONGLY THAT SENIORS WOULD INDEED BENEFIT VIA THE CREATION OF
19 A SEPARATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THERE ARE BROAD AND
20 MEANINGFUL RATIONALE FOR THE CREATION OF A SEPARATE DEPARTMENT
21 AND THEY'VE BEEN PRESENTED TO YOU AT VARIOUS TIMES AND IN
22 VARIOUS WAYS AND OFTEN. THEY ARE ALL BENEFICIAL TO SENIORS.
23 HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THERE IS EVEN MORE. WE ARE UNDERGOING AN
24 UNPRECEDENTED POPULATION SHIFT. THE COUNTY CURRENTLY HAS ABOUT
25 1.2 MILLION INDIVIDUALS OVER THE AGE OF 60, REPRESENTING ABOUT



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1 12.4% OF ITS TOTAL POPULATION. OF THIS NUMBER, A LITTLE OVER
2 13% ARE AT THE POVERTY LINE. WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE BABY
3 BOOMERS, THE POPULATION OVER AGE 60 IS EXPECTED TO APPROXIMATE
4 1.6 MILLION IN 2010, 2.1 MILLION IN 2020, AND OVER 2.6 MILLION
5 IN 2030. IN ORDER TO PROPERLY PREPARE FOR AND RESPOND TO THIS
6 ENORMOUS CHANGE IN THE COUNTY'S DEMOGRAPHICS, WE NEED
7 VISIONARY PLANNING, CREATIVE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT, NEW
8 RESOURCES AND STRONG LEADERSHIP WITH THE POTENTIAL TO REPORT
9 DIRECTLY TO YOU, OUR BOARD. OBVIOUSLY, I'M TALKING ABOUT A
10 SEPARATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF THE
11 GROWING POPULATION OF SENIORS ONLY CAN BE ADDRESSED BY A
12 DEPARTMENT THAT WORKS AT THE POPULATION AND COMMUNITY LEVEL
13 WITH METHODS APPROPRIATE FOR LARGE GROUPS, MASSES OF PEOPLE.
14 THE MOST COST EFFECTIVE AND OUTCOME POSITIVE IMPACT THAT THE
15 COUNTY CAN MAKE WILL NOT COME BY SERVING SENIORS ONE AT A
16 TIME. RATHER, THE BEST WAY TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF LARGE
17 GROUPS OF OUR AGING POPULATION IS TO CREATE NEW PUBLIC HEALTH
18 PROGRAMS THAT FOCUS ON THE PREVENTION AND MINIMIZING THOSE
19 BURDENS OR CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH AGING. I'M TALKING HERE
20 ABOUT SUCH THINGS AS DIABETES, HYPERTENSION, SOCIAL
21 ISOLIZATION, ARTHRITIS AND SO ON. I'D LOVE TO TAKE ARTHRITIS
22 JUST AS A QUICK EXAMPLE FOR YOU. DID YOU KNOW THAT ARTHRITIS
23 IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF DISABILITY IN THIS ENTIRE UNITED
24 STATES? AND, IN OUR COUNTY, 20% OF OUR POPULATION COMPLAIN OF
25 ARTHRITIS. OF THE 20%, 50% ARE ADULTS WHO TELL US THAT THEIR



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1 ARTHRITIS INHIBIT THEIR DAILY FUNCTIONS. AND YET NOT MANY
2 PEOPLE KNOW THAT ARTHRITIS CAN BE PREVENTED OR, AT THE VERY
3 LEAST, ITS PROGRESSION CAN BE SLOWED BY CERTAIN KINDS OF
4 ACTIVITIES, PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES, MAINTENANCE OF PROPER DIET,
5 AVOIDING HEAVY WEIGHT, AVOIDING JOINT INJURIES AND CERTAIN
6 INFECTIONS OR EARLY TREATMENT THEREOF. EVEN OLDER ADULTS WHO
7 ALREADY HAVE ARTHRITIS CAN BENEFIT FROM THE MAINTENANCE OF
8 APPROPRIATE WEIGHT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY. GOING BACK TO
9 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, I ASK THAT YOU CONSIDER CORE
10 MISSIONS. PUBLIC HEALTH IS GEARED TO PROMOTE HEALTH AND
11 WELLBEING AND PREVENT DISEASE. IT IS POPULATION-BASED AND
12 SEEKS TO ASSURE A BASIC LEVEL OF HEALTH PROTECTION FOR ALL
13 RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. PERSONAL HEALTH IS GEARED TO
14 PROVIDE OR TO ASSURE HEALTHCARE FOR THE COUNTY'S MEDICALLY
15 INDIGENT, WITH SIGNIFICANT PORTIONS OF ITS BUDGET AND STAFF
16 CONCERNED WITH THE COUNTY'S HOSPITAL AND CLINICS FOR
17 INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS. BOTH ARE NEEDED BUT THE GOALS WILL BE
18 BETTER REACHED BY SEPARATE STRUCTURES. LACO IS PLEASED THAT
19 PUBLIC HEALTH RECENTLY CREATED AN OFFICE OF SENIOR HEALTH AND
20 IS CURRENTLY INTERVIEWING CANDIDATES TO HEAD IT. I CANNOT
21 OVERSTATE HOW IMPORTANT THE CREATION OF THIS OFFICE IS TO
22 PROTECT THE HEALTH OF OUR GROWING ELDERLY POPULATION BUT, EVEN
23 SO, THE OFFICE OF SENIOR HEALTH AND OTHER IMPORTANT PUBLIC
24 HEALTH EFFORTS ARE VERY SMALL PARTS OF A MUCH LARGER
25 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. IF WE REALLY WANT TO MEET THE



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1 HEALTH PROMOTION AND ILLNESS PREVENTION NEEDS OF OUR AGING
2 POPULATION AND BE READY FOR THE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THEIR
3 NUMBERS OVER THE NEXT DECADES, WE HAVE TO GUARANTEE THAT
4 PUBLIC HEALTH IS NO LONGER OVERLOOKED. WE RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR
5 YOUR CAREFUL CONSIDERATION ON THIS ISSUE AND URGE THAT YOU
6 SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SEPARATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
7 HEALTH.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YES, SIR.

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11 **JOSHUA RUTKOFF:** MY NAME IS JOSHUA RUTKOFF, S.E.I.U. LOCAL 660,
12 HEALTH DIVISION DIRECTOR. IN OUR TESTIMONY ON FEBRUARY 28TH
13 REGARDING THE PROPOSED SEPARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, WE
14 IDENTIFIED ONE OF OUR BASELINE QUESTIONS AS WHERE ARE WE GOING
15 AND WHO WILL LEAD US THERE? NOW THAT DR. CHERNOF HAS TAKEN
16 LEADERSHIP OF D.H.S., WE HAVE A SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITY TO
17 ENGAGE IN A THOUGHTFUL PLANNING PROCESS TO DETERMINE THE
18 DEPARTMENT'S FUTURE DIRECTION. THIS PROCESS SHOULD ADDRESS THE
19 QUESTIONS THAT HAVE DRIVEN THE DIALOGUE REGARDING THE
20 STRUCTURE OF PUBLIC HEALTH, INCLUDING HOW DO WE ACHIEVE
21 SERVICE INTEGRATION AMONG PERSONAL HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH AND
22 MENTAL HEALTH? HOW DO WE ACHIEVE FISCAL STABILITY? AND HOW DO
23 WE REPAIR BADLY BROKEN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES, INCLUDING
24 HUMAN RESOURCES AND CONTRACTS AND GRANTS FUNCTIONS? THE RIGHT
25 TIME TO MAKE DECISIONS REGARDING THE STRUCTURE OF PUBLIC



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1 HEALTH IS AFTER DR. CHERNOF HAS BEEN GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO
2 LEAD SUCH A STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS. I WANT TO BE CLEAR
3 THAT THIS POSITION IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR GREAT RESPECT FOR
4 DR. FIELDING'S LEADERSHIP OF PUBLIC HEALTH. S.E.I.U. LOCAL 660
5 MEMBERS WORK IN BOTH PERSONAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND PROVIDE
6 IMPORTANT AND RELATED SERVICES IN BOTH AREAS. LET'S MAKE
7 DECISIONS BASED ON SYSTEM PLANNING, NOT BASED ON THE
8 RECOMMENDATIONS OF OUR GOVERNOR. TOO MUCH IS AT STAKE FOR OUR
9 HEALTH SYSTEM TO MAKE DECISIONS ABSENT A REAL PLANNING
10 PROCESS. S.E.I.U. LOCAL 660 SUPPORTS GIVING DR. CHERNOF THE
11 OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD AND PLAN, AFTER SUCH TIME WE SHOULD
12 RECONVENE AND MAKE STRATEGIC DECISIONS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED
13 VIABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY OF THE COUNTY'S HEALTH FUNCTIONS.
14 THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. DR. ALLANO PLOW. YES,
17 MA'AM. YES, MA'AM.

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19 **DR. TONI YANCEY:** HI. I'M DR. TONI YANCEY, CO-DIRECTOR OF THE
20 CENTER TO ELIMINATE HEALTH DISPARITIES IN THE UCLA PUBLIC
21 HEALTH AND AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HEALTH SERVICES. IT'S
22 ACTUALLY TRUE THAT 90% OF WHAT WE NEED TO DO IN TERMS OF
23 DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION OCCURS OUTSIDE OF THE
24 CLINICAL/MEDICAL ENCOUNTER SO THAT PARTICULARLY COMES INTO
25 SHARP FOCUS WHEN, 25 YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS IN MEDICAL SCHOOL, I



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1 NEVER SAW A CHILD WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES. I DIDN'T SEE CHILDREN
2 IN CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE. WE'RE NOW SEEING TEENS WITH THOSE
3 KINDS OF PROBLEMS AND WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO SOLVE THOSE AND
4 THE MANY OTHER CHALLENGES THAT WE NOW CONFRONT IN TERMS OF
5 BIOTERRORISM, S.A.R.S. AND THOSE ISSUES THAT YOU'VE JUST HEARD
6 FROM MY ESTEEMED COLLEAGUES ARE REALLY GOING TO REQUIRE A MUCH
7 MORE AGGRESSIVE AND NIMBLE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT. A NUMBER
8 OF PEOPLE WHO ARE A PART OF THE SERVICE DELIVERY SAFETY NET
9 WEREN'T ABLE TO BE HERE TODAY BECAUSE OF PATIENT DELIVERY
10 CONCERNS SUCH AS DONZELLA LEE, WHO IS THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF
11 THE T.H.E. CLINIC, DRs. JESSE SHEROTT AND NATALEE SANDERS, WHO
12 WERE SUPPOSED TO BE HERE BUT COULD NOT BECAUSE OF ILLNESS, AND
13 DRs. ANN SAVORIN, JOHNNY CATHY COOK AND ART FLEMING, WHO ARE
14 ALSO PART OF THE BOARD OF THE CHARLES R. DREW MEDICAL SOCIETY.
15 WITH A LOT OF CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND CONSENSUS BUILDING,
16 THESE ORGANIZATIONS, ALONG WITH THE CENTER-- THE CALIFORNIA
17 PAN ETHIC HEALTH NETWORK, THOSE OF US THAT ARE IN THE LOS
18 ANGELES AREA, HAVE SUPPORT-- ARE IN SUPPORT OF THIS
19 SEPARATION. AND JUST TO PLAY A BIT OF DEVIL'S ADVOCATE, I
20 WOULD ASK YOU TO THINK ABOUT THE FACT THAT IF, IN FACT, THE
21 DEPARTMENTS ARE TO BE MERGED, THEN PERHAPS PUBLIC HEALTH
22 SHOULD TAKE THE LEAD BECAUSE A CORE PIECE OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S
23 MISSION IS, IN FACT, THE ORGANIZATION AND ASSURANCE OF THE
24 DELIVERY OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES TO THE INDIGENT. HOWEVER, THAT
25 IS NOT A PRIMARY PART OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES' PERSONAL HEALTH



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1 MISSION. NOW, I KNOW THAT THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN BUT THE
2 POINT IS, THE REASON IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN IS BECAUSE IT
3 DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND WE, AS SEPARATE BUT VERY MUCH
4 SIMILARLY IMPORTANT ISSUES FOR THE COUNTY, WE NEED TO HAVE OUR
5 OWN SEPARATE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING THOSE KEY CONCERNS TO THE
6 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SO I APPRECIATE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
7 STRONGLY ADVOCATE FOR A SEPARATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.
8 THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH CURRENT LEADERSHIP, THAT THE
9 PEOPLE WHO ARE IN THESE DIFFERENT POSITIONS WHO I THINK ALL OF
10 US HAVE GREAT RESPECT FOR BUT IT DOES HAVE TO DO WITH A
11 STRUCTURE THAT HAS SERVED ITS TIME BUT NOW IT'S TIME TO MOVE
12 ON TO ANOTHER. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. DOCTOR?

15

16 **DR. ALONZO PLOW:** THANK YOU. I'M DR. ALONZO PLOW. I AM A FORMER
17 HEALTH OFFICER AND DIRECTOR OF THE BOSTON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
18 HEALTH AND OF THE SEATTLE AND KING COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
19 HEALTH, PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
20 AND FORMER PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AT HARVARD SCHOOL OF
21 PUBLIC HEALTH. I COME TODAY TO REALLY SPEAK ABOUT THE
22 IMPORTANCE OF A FOCUS ON PUBLIC HEALTH ORGANIZATION AT THIS
23 VERY CRITICAL TIME IN OUR HISTORY AND I COME TO SPEAK FROM
24 HAVING BEEN A PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIAL IN TWO LARGE
25 JURISDICTIONS THAT SUCCESSFULLY CREATED THE RIGHT KIND OF



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1 DISTINCTION BETWEEN THEIR HOSPITAL SYSTEM AND THEIR PUBLIC
2 HEALTH SYSTEMS AND DID THAT ABOUT 10 OR 12 YEARS AGO. I ALSO
3 WANT TO REPORT THAT, BECAUSE THEY DID THAT AND, IN BOTH CASES,
4 THOSE TWO HEALTH DEPARTMENTS HAD BEEN HELD UP BY THE FEDERAL
5 GOVERNMENT AS TWO OF THE BEST PREPARED PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEMS
6 FOR DISASTERS, FOR BIOTERRORISM, FOR PANDEMIC INFLUENZA. I WAS
7 ASKED TO TESTIFY TO CONGRESS LAST WEEK TO THE CONGRESSIONAL
8 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL REFORM ABOUT WHAT HAD MADE
9 SEATTLE AND KING COUNTY SO PREPARED FOR BIOTERRORISM AND
10 PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS AND IT WAS HAVING A DISTINCT PUBLIC
11 HEALTH DEPARTMENT WITH CLEAR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PREVENTION,
12 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, ACROSS AND BROADER THAN JUST THE
13 CLINICAL DIMENSIONS OF HEALTHCARE BUT LINKED IN THE RIGHT WAY
14 TO THOSE DIMENSIONS AND I CAN TELL YOU, FROM MY EXPERIENCE IN
15 BOTH OF THOSE JURISDICTIONS AND FROM THE OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS OF
16 THOSE AT C.D.C. AND IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, BUILDING STRONG
17 PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE, CONNECTED IN THE RIGHT WAY TO
18 CRITICAL CARE BUT WITH A SEPARATE MANDATE TO WORK IN THE
19 COMMUNITY SIDE OF PREVENTION, WHICH IS THE ONLY WAY THAT YOU
20 CAN DEAL WITH A PROBLEM SUCH AS PANDEMIC INFLUENZA, THESE ARE
21 THE MODELS FOR LARGE URBAN SYSTEMS IN AMERICA. THESE ARE THE
22 STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE FOR WHAT LARGE URBAN PUBLIC HEALTH
23 SYSTEMS ARE DOING AND THIS IS THE PATHWAY FOR DEVELOPING THE
24 KIND OF COMMUNITY-BASED PREVENTIVE RESPONSE THAT'S GOING TO BE
25 MORE AND MORE ESSENTIAL AND VERY RAPIDLY WITH-- AS I LOOK



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1 EVERY DAY AT THE NUMBER OF CASES OF PANDEMIC INFLUENZA, AND,
2 ACTUALLY, NOT PANDEMIC AT THIS POINT BUT BIRD FLU IN
3 INDONESIA, THESE ARE THREATS AT OUR DOORSTEP AND THEY REQUIRE
4 A DIFFERENT KIND OF EXPERTISE, COMPLEMENTARY WITH HEALTHCARE
5 SERVICES BUT A VERY DIFFERENT KIND OF EXPERTISE IF WE, AS A
6 COMMUNITY, ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO PROTECT OUR CITIZENS FROM
7 ONE OF THE MOST IMMINENT HEALTH HAZARDS THAT WE HAVE EVER
8 SEEN. THE PROPOSAL BEFORE YOU TODAY IS REALLY NOT SO MUCH, IN
9 MY OPINION, ABOUT SEPARATING, IT IS ABOUT THE RIGHT KIND OF
10 DEFINITION OF EXCELLENCE IN TWO SYSTEMS THAT REMAIN
11 COMPLEMENTARY BUT NEED TO DEVELOP SPECIFIC KINDS OF EXPERTISE.
12 AND IT'S ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL THAT YOU, AS ELECTED OFFICIALS,
13 RECOGNIZE THAT, IF THIS COMMUNITY IS GOING TO BE PROTECTED
14 AGAINST THE 21ST CENTURY THREATS TO PUBLIC HEALTH, IT REQUIRES
15 EXCELLENCE AND A VERY DIFFERENT KIND OF EXPERTISE THAN WE HAVE
16 TRADITIONALLY APPLIED TO HEALTHCARE AND DISEASE CARE IN OUR
17 SOCIETY. I WOULD URGE YOU TO CONSIDER THIS, NOT ABOUT
18 INDIVIDUALS, NOT ABOUT SEPARATION BUT WHAT IT MEANS TO CREATE
19 THE PROPER KIND OF EXCELLENCE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE HEALTH
20 CHALLENGES OF THE 21ST CENTURY. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. HAVE YOU FINALLY
23 SETTLED DOWN? ARE YOU FINALLY COMING BACK TO LOS ANGELES TO
24 SETTLE DOWN?

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1 **DR. ALONZO PLOW:** YES. I LIVE HERE.

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GOOD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
4 COMMENTS. THIS IS AN IDEA, AN ISSUE THAT'S BEEN BEFORE THE
5 BOARD A NUMBER OF TIMES. WE ASKED FOR A DELAY TO HAVE
6 ADDITIONAL TIME TO HAVE A REPORT BACK THAT WAS DONE TODAY BUT,
7 IN MY OPINION, HAVING TWO SEPARATE DEPARTMENTS WOULD ENSURE
8 GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY AND ABILITY TO SERVE THE PUBLIC. PUBLIC
9 HEALTH HAS A CLEAR DISTINCT MISSION WHICH IS SEPARATE FROM THE
10 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. IN ALLOWING THEM THE ABILITY TO ADDRESS
11 THOSE ISSUES HEAD ON, ELIMINATING A LAYER OF BUREAUCRACY,
12 WHICH THEY HAVE TO EXIST THROUGH, WOULD END UP IN GREATER COST
13 SAVINGS WITH BETTER SERVICE TO THE CLIENTS WHO ARE IN NEED OF
14 THOSE SERVICES AND IN PROTECTING THE PUBLIC HEALTH IN THIS
15 COUNTY AND STATE. BUT THERE'S SOME MOTIONS ON THE TABLE AND
16 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M GOING TO SUPPORT THE MOTIONS ON THE
19 TABLE AND I'M DEFINITELY GOING TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL TO
20 SEPARATE. THERE'S PROBABLY NO TIME, IN THE LAST 50 OR 60
21 YEARS, WHERE PUBLIC HEALTH HAS BEEN AS IMPORTANT AND HAS RISEN
22 TO A LEVEL OF IMPORTANCE AS IT HAS CURRENTLY. PUBLIC HEALTH IS
23 NOT ONLY AN ISSUE OF PREVENTING DISEASE, DIABETES,
24 COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND THINGS OF THAT SORT, THE THINGS THAT
25 HAVE TRADITIONALLY BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH PUBLIC HEALTH



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1 SERVICES. BUT IT HAS INCREASINGLY BECOME APPARENT THAT THE
2 PUBLIC HEALTH APPARATUS OF ANY COUNTY, IN ANY JURISDICTION, IS
3 ALSO BEING CALLED UPON MORE AND MORE TO BE PREPARED FOR THE
4 BIOTERRORISM EVENTS OR CONCERNS AND POTENTIAL EVENTS THAT
5 CONCERN THIS NATION AND OTHER NATIONS AROUND THE WORLD.
6 CLEARLY, THERE NEEDS TO BE A DIRECT RELATIONSHIP, A DIRECT
7 LINE OF ACCOUNTABILITY BETWEEN THE ULTIMATE DECISION MAKERS,
8 WHICH IS THIS BOARD, WHICH IS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY
9 OF LOS ANGELES AND THE DEPARTMENT HEAD AND HIS APPARATUS OR
10 HER APPARATUS, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING OUT THIS
11 MISSION, THIS MISSION OF MONITORING OUR FOOD SUPPLY,
12 MONITORING OUR WATER SUPPLY, MONITORING SUBSTANCES IN THE AIR,
13 RESPONDING TO ALL KINDS OF ISSUES THAT WE HAVE FROM TIME TO
14 TIME IN OUR COUNTY, IMMUNIZATIONS, PREVENTION, HEALTH
15 ADVISORIES OF ALL SORTS AND NOW, IN THIS POST-9/11 ERA, TO BE
16 PART OF THE FIRST RESPONDER TEAM THAT WE DEPEND ON IN THE
17 EVENT OF A SITUATION, AND I THINK IT'S AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS
18 LONG COME AND I FOUND MR.-- DR. CHERNOF'S LETTER VERY
19 INTERESTING, HIS LETTER TO SUPERVISOR MOLINA, BECAUSE IN IT HE
20 SAYS THAT, AFTER 30 YEARS OF-- AND I'M PARAPHRASING FROM
21 MEMORY, AFTER 30 YEARS OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH
22 AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, THERE STILL REMAIN SOME
23 ISSUES THAT HASN'T BEEN FULLY INTEGRATED INTO THE DEPARTMENT.
24 30 YEARS! I WASN'T AWARE THAT IT HAD BEEN 30 YEARS SINCE THAT
25 HAD OCCURRED BUT, IF THE THING HAS NOT MESHED IN 30 YEARS, AND



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1 I SAID JOKINGLY, WE OUGHT TO CONTINUE THE MATTER FOR 15 MORE
2 YEARS AND GET A REPORT BACK AT A TIME CERTAIN, BUT I WAS
3 CONCERNED THAT I MIGHT GET TWO OTHER VOTES FOR THAT, SO I
4 DIDN'T. [LAUGHTER] BUT 30 YEARS WE'VE TRIED THIS, AND IT
5 HASN'T BEEN ALL BAD, BY ANY STRETCH OF THE IMAGINATION, BUT WE
6 LIVE IN A DIFFERENT WORLD NOW, WE LIVE IN A DIFFERENT ERA AND
7 I THINK THE TIME HAS COME TO DO THIS. SO I SUPPORT THE
8 AMENDMENTS, WHICH I THINK STRENGTHEN THE PROPOSAL AND I
9 SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL TO SEPARATE PUBLIC HEALTH INTO ITS OWN
10 DEPARTMENT. I THINK THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY WILL BE WELL
11 SERVED.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** THE LAST TIME THIS ITEM CAME BEFORE THE BOARD, I
16 DID NOT SUPPORT IT BECAUSE THERE WERE A NUMBER OF ISSUES I
17 THOUGHT NEEDED TO BE RESOLVED. ONE WAS THE ADMINISTRATION OF
18 THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT AS A SEPARATE DEPARTMENT. THE
19 OTHER ISSUE WAS, QUITE FRANKLY, THE CONCERNS I HAD WITH THE
20 APPROACH AND THE HANDLING OF THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR
21 HOSPICE FOR A.I.D.S. PATIENTS. AT THIS POINT, I'M SATISFIED
22 THAT THERE HAS BEEN WORKED OUT, WITH THE C.A.O. AND WITH THE
23 TWO DEPARTMENTS, A MECHANISM OF HOW THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO
24 FUNCTION EFFICIENTLY AS SEPARATE DEPARTMENTS. ONE OF THE
25 THINGS THAT WAS A CONTINUING CONCERN THAT I HAVE HAD, WHICH



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1 WAS THE REASON THAT, INITIALLY, I WAS PLANNING TO SUPPORT THE
2 SEPARATION, WAS BECAUSE, IN TODAY'S WORLD, THE KIND OF CRISES
3 WE HAVE, THE MANY DISEASES WE HAVE THAT REQUIRE, IN MANY
4 INSTANCES, COMMUNICATIONS WITH NATIONAL INSTITUTES AND OTHERS
5 WHO ARE FUNDING INSTITUTES THAT PROVIDE FUNDS THAT PUBLIC
6 HEALTH IS IN A UNIQUE POSITION TO GET THOSE GRANTS AND TO GET
7 THAT RESEARCH MONEY TO GET THOSE PROGRAMS THAT THEY DO NOT
8 HAVE THE TIME TO GO ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE BUREAUCRACY OF THE
9 HEALTH DEPARTMENT. SO I AM SUPPORTING THE SEPARATION TODAY
10 BECAUSE I BELIEVE IT WILL BE THE ONLY EFFICIENT WAY THAT WE
11 CAN HAVE APPLICATIONS MADE TO FEDERAL AGENCIES, TO OBVIOUSLY
12 TO SOME OF THE HEALTH AGENCIES, THE FOUNDATIONS AND OTHERS WHO
13 CAN PROVIDE US WITH THE KIND OF FUNDS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT
14 SPECIFICALLY OUR DESIRE TO ADDRESS ILLNESSES, UNIQUE DISEASES
15 AND, OF COURSE, THE ISSUE OF HOMELAND SECURITY. SO, WITH THAT,
16 I'M PREPARED TO VOTE FOR IT.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANY OTHER COMMENTS? WE HAVE A MOTION
19 ON THE TABLE AS AMENDED.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST HAVE JUST ONE POINT OF CLARIFICATION WITH
22 THE C.A.O. IN THE RECOMMENDATION, AND I'M SUPPORTING IT,
23 OBVIOUSLY, WITH THESE MOTIONS AND THE VARIOUS OTHER
24 AMENDMENTS, AS FAR AS THE SEPARATION AND THE LEADERSHIP, THE



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1 APPOINTMENT OF-- WOULD BE INTERIM, IS THAT CORRECT, ON THE
2 PUBLIC HEALTH SIDE?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** YES. IT WOULD BE AN ACTING APPOINTMENT.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** ACTING?

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8 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
13 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BURKE?

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** I DID NOT CALL UP, I BELIEVE IT WAS 71.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** 71. MR. ROBINSON.

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19 **RICHARD ROBINSON:** HONORABLE MAYOR, MEMBERS, RICHARD ROBINSON,
20 NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZER. I AM NETWORKING A COMMUNITY OUTREACH
21 PROGRAM COUNTYWIDE. I RESIDE AT 1730 NORTH LA BREA AVENUE IN
22 ROOM NUMBER 104 IN THE 7- STAR MOTEL AT HOLLYWOOD AND LA BREA
23 AVENUE. I AM WORKING WITH THE TAIWANESE AMBASSADOR IN LOS
24 ANGELES. DR. WEY, WHO IS THE HEAD OF THE TAIPEI, TAIWAN
25 ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE IN ORDER TO HELP MY FRIEND,



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1 ROBERT YU, THE TAIWANESE AMERICAN OWNER OF MY RESIDENCE TO
2 PROTECT HIS PROPERTY FROM THE DEALERS AND PROSTITUTES THAT ARE
3 VICTIMIZING THAT NEIGHBORHOOD. SIR, BECAUSE I HAVE THE HONOR
4 OF VISITING THE OFFICE OF FORMER-- OF THE FORMER GOVERNOR OF
5 WISCONSIN IN MILWAUKEE SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE HE BECAME
6 PRESIDENT BUSH'S FORMER SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
7 SERVICES, I HAD THE HONOR OF WATCHING HIM SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF
8 HOMELESSNESS IN MILWAUKEE'S NEIGHBORHOODS AND IN MADISON'S
9 NEIGHBORHOODS, THE STATE'S CAPITAL AND THE HOME OF THE
10 UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN. THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS FORMER
11 GOVERNOR THOMPSON ESTABLISHED WERE BROUGHT ABOUT BY
12 ELIMINATING THE BLIGHT AND CRIME CAUSED BY HOMELESSNESS. HE
13 ESTABLISHED A MANAGED CARE SYSTEM OF TREATMENT. HE'S NOT ONLY
14 ENDED THE REVOLVING DOOR MINDSET THAT ALLOWED BLIGHT AND CRIME
15 TO FLOURISH BUT ASKED-- BUT ALSO, AFTER THE JEFFREY DAHMER
16 MURDERS, WHICH TERRIFIED-- WHICH VICTIMIZED AND TERRIFIED THE
17 HOMELESS COMMUNITY IN THE '90S, THE REVOLVING DOOR MINDSET WAS
18 ENDED BY GIVING FREE EDUCATION AND JOB PLACEMENT. NECESSITY
19 WAS THE MOTHER OF INVENTION. THE CREATIVE PROCESS WAS
20 NECESSITATED BY THE UNSAFENESS OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS IN
21 MILWAUKEE. MR. DAHMER'S REPUTATION IS OBVIOUSLY WELL KNOWN BUT
22 GUN CRIMES ARE DISAPPEARING, OTHER VIOLENT CRIMES, ALSO. I
23 SUPPORT YOU IN YOUR DETERMINATION TO PROVIDE SAFE
24 NEIGHBORHOODS. THESE MONEYS WILL PROVIDE AN INVESTIGATOR AND
25 REDUCE CRIME. CRIMINALS, FOR MANY YEARS, HAVE BEEN VICTIMIZING



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1 MR. YU AND HIS WIFE IN THAT THIRD DISTRICT MOTEL, WHICH HAS A-
2 - WHICH WAS A FLOPHOUSE WHEN THEY BOUGHT IT AND SPEND HUNDREDS
3 OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN THE PROCESS OF RENOVATION. WE'RE
4 SENDING A CLEAR MESSAGE. THE SHERIFF AND THE POLICE CHIEF ARE
5 GIVING HOPE TO A FAMILY WHICH IS LOOKING FOR FREEDOM AND THEY
6 ARE MAKING THAT A SAFER NEIGHBORHOOD. THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THANK YOU, MR. ROBINSON.

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10 **SUP. BURKE:** MOVED.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOVED BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
13 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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15 **SUP. BURKE:** 37.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** 37. WE HAVE ULYSSES TORY AND RUTH
18 CRAFT. RUTH CRAFT OR ULYSSES TROY? GOOD AFTERNOON.

19

20 **RUTH CRAFT:** GOOD AFTERNOON. GOOD AFTERNOON. WE'RE BACK AGAIN.
21 MY NAME IS RUTH CRAFT. THE GENTLEMAN TO MY LEFT IS MR. ULYSSES
22 TORY. WE'RE HERE TO ADDRESS A LETTER THAT WE RECEIVED FROM
23 SUPERVISOR YVONNE BRATHWAITE-BURKE. MS. BURKE, I'M A LITTLE
24 PERPLEXED ABOUT THE LETTER. I APPRECIATE THE LETTER. I DON'T
25 UNDERSTAND THE LETTER, MAINLY BECAUSE, WHEN I SUBMITTED OUR



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1 CLAIMS TO THE COUNTY FOR RE-REVIEW, I GAVE THEM MY LEGAL NAME,
2 WHICH IS RUTH ESTHER CRAFT, AND THEY HAVE ADDRESSED THE LETTER
3 BACK TO ME AS RUTH ESTHER FULLER, WHICH WAS A MARRIED NAME. I
4 MARRIED A GENTLEMAN WHO MARRIED ME UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME AND
5 THAT WAS AN INSULT TO ME PERSONALLY. WE ARE HERE TODAY TO TRY
6 TO ARRANGE TO SPEAK TO THE COUNTY COUNSEL, WHOSE NAME IS
7 MENTIONED AS ONE OF THE PARTIES THAT THE LETTER WAS C.C.'D TO,
8 SO, IF YOU COULD HELP US IN THAT REGARD, WE WOULD APPRECIATE
9 IT, AND I BELIEVE MR. TORY HAS SOMETHING HE WANTS TO SAY
10 TODAY. ONE OTHER COMMENT I'D LIKE TO MAKE, I DIDN'T KNOW THAT
11 THE ISSUE DOWN HERE TODAY WAS GOING TO BE ON HEALTHCARE AND
12 SEPARATING THE WAY IN WHICH THE HEALTHCARE WOULD BE PROVIDED
13 TO SENIOR CITIZENS. I AM A SENIOR CITIZEN, I'M 59 YEARS OLD. I
14 HAVE FUSED INTESTINES FROM RADIATION, SO I WOULD LIKE TO LEND
15 MY SUPPORT TO HAVING A DIFFERENT MATTER IN WHICH THE PUBLIC IS
16 HELPED OUT WITH MEDICAL PROBLEMS. THANK YOU.

17

18 **ULYSSES TORY:** OKAY. MY NAME IS ULYSSES TORY AND I WOULD LIKE
19 TO SPEAK TO, IN PERSON, TO RAYMOND G. FORTNER-- FORTNER? AND I
20 THINK THIS WOULD BE A PERSONAL, I WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH HIM
21 ALONE, IF IT'S POSSIBLE.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** I'M SURE THAT-- I WAS GOING TO SUGGEST THAT YOU
24 SPEAK TO HIM OR A DEPUTY, ONE OF HIS DEPUTIES WHO IS HERE, WHO
25 COULD ADDRESS THE ISSUE THAT YOU'VE RAISED.



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2 **RUTH CRAFT:** THANK YOU.

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4 **ULYSSES TORY:** OKAY.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

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8 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL MOVE THAT ITEM.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE A MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED.

11 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** 12 WAS CALLED ALREADY, RIGHT?

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO YOU WANT TO DO 90-H?

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17 **SUP. BURKE:** 90-H. OKAY.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. 90-H, SUPERVISOR KNABE, IT'S ON

20 THE VECTOR PATROL FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** _____ WAS GOING TO SIT DOWN AND
23 TESTIFY.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN'T HEAR YOU.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** OH, 90-H?

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** THE ONLY THING THAT I WOULD ADD, I MEAN,
7 OBVIOUSLY, WE HAD WEST NILE IN MY AREA, AND I...

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THIS IS FOR THE COUNTY.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY, BECAUSE IT SEEMS ISOLATED TO THE NORTH
12 COUNTY. I JUST THOUGHT...

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO, WE FOUND IT THERE BUT IT'S FOR
15 COUNTYWIDE BECAUSE...

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** COUNTYWIDE, OKAY. THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO MAKE
18 SURE, IT WAS COUNTYWIDE.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
21 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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23 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT CONCLUDES MINE.

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25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I DON'T THINK WE, LAST WEEK,
3 WE HAD LEARNED ABOUT THE PASSING OF LLOYD BENTSEN BEFORE WE
4 HAD ADJOURNED, SO I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE
5 MEMORY OF, ALL MEMBERS, LLOYD BENTSEN, FORMER SENATOR FROM
6 TEXAS, FORMER SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, FORMER VICE
7 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE AND PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE AND DIED AT
8 THE AGE OF 85 LAST WEEK. THAT'S THE ONLY ADJOURNING MOTION I
9 HAVE.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
12 ORDERED.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE A COUPLE OF MOTIONS.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I WON'T READ THEM IN THE INTEREST OF
19 TIME IN THEIR ENTIRETY. FIRST OF ALL, I HAVE A MOTION, AND
20 IT'S JOINED WITH MS. MOLINA, ASKING THE COUNTY COUNSEL--
21 DIRECTING THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN
22 TWO WEEKS WITH A LEGAL ASSESSMENT OF THE SHERIFF'S EARLY
23 RELEASE POLICY IN LIGHT OF THE ARTICLE IN "THE LOS ANGELES
24 TIMES", I THINK IT WAS YESTERDAY, THAT ASPECT OF IT AND THE
25 ARTICLE ASSERTED THAT DISPARITIES MAY EXIST BETWEEN



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1 INCARCERATION PERIODS DEPENDING ON THE INMATE'S GENDER OR THE
2 GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF THEIR OFFENSE. I'D LIKE YOU TO GIVE
3 US A REPORT IN TWO WEEKS, A LEGAL ANALYSIS OR LEGAL ASSESSMENT
4 OF THAT POLICY. SECOND, IT IS A LONG MOTION, I WON'T READ IT
5 BUT MR. KNABE JOINS ME ON THIS ONE, HEAL THE BAY HAS JUST
6 RELEASED ITS ANNUAL BEACH REPORT CARD FOR 2005/2006 SHOWING
7 SOME SERIOUS WATER QUALITY PROBLEMS AT MANY OF THE L.A.
8 COUNTY'S BEACHES, MANY OF THEM IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE
9 COUNTY AND I-- WE WANT TO MOVE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
10 SERVICES, PUBLIC WORKS AND BEACHES AND HARBORS, UNDER THE
11 LEADERSHIP OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BE INSTRUCTED TO
12 REPORT TO THIS BOARD IN 30 DAYS, WITHIN 30 DAYS, WITH A REPORT
13 AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING THE EVALUATION AND
14 COMMUNICATION OF BEACH HEALTH RISK FACTORS TO THE PUBLIC. WHEN
15 FORMULATING THE RECOMMENDATION, THE DEPARTMENTS SHOULD CONFER
16 WITH OTHER WATER QUALITY TESTING AGENCIES, THE COUNTY BEACH
17 COMMISSION, THE COUNTY BEACH LIFEGUARDS, BEACH CITIES
18 REPRESENTATIVES AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS, INCLUDING HEAL THE
19 BAY. THE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT SHOULD INCLUDE, FIRST, AN
20 EXPLANATION ON THE DIFFERENT GRADING METHODOLOGIES USED
21 CURRENTLY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES ENVIRONMENTAL
22 HEALTH DIVISION, HEAL THE BAY AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, WITH
23 RECOMMENDATIONS AS NEEDED TO IMPROVE THE PUBLIC'S
24 UNDERSTANDING OF BEACH HEALTH RISK FACTORS AND CONDITIONS.
25 SECOND, A METHODOLOGY FOR ENSURING CONSISTENT TESTING AND



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1 REPORTING OF HEALTH RISK FACTORS AT BEACHES WHERE THE
2 MONITORING POINT HAS BEEN MOVED TO COMPLY WITH TMDL
3 REQUIREMENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, BY MONITORING AT BOTH THE FORMER
4 AND CURRENT TEST LOCATIONS. THREE, RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO
5 MORE EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATE TO THE PUBLIC THE NECESSITY OF
6 AVOIDING STORM DRAIN AND STREAM OUTLETS AT THE BEACHES.
7 FOURTH, RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO EFFECTIVELY AND
8 APPROPRIATELY COMMUNICATE HEALTH RISK FACTORS AT LITTLE USED
9 BEACHES NOT COVERED BY ASSEMBLY BILL 411, THE STATE LAW THAT
10 REQUIRES PUBLICATION OF DATA ON BEACHES USED BY 50,000 PEOPLE
11 PER SUMMER OR MORE, INCLUDING HOW TO COMMUNICATE SUCH
12 INFORMATION TO LOCAL CITIES AND TO ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS
13 WHERE THE PUBLIC BEACH STOPS AT THE MEAN HIGH TIDE LINE.
14 FIFTH, RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO UTILIZE THE RESOURCES OF
15 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SHOULD IT BE ESTABLISHED, AND WE
16 JUST ESTABLISHED IT, TO BETTER FOCUS ON PROACTIVELY SEEK TO
17 IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF THE BEACH-GOING PUBLIC AND, FINALLY, A
18 REPORT ON THE STATUS OF PUBLIC WORKS EFFORTS TO IMPROVE BEACH
19 WATER QUALITY THROUGH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BEST MANAGEMENT
20 PRACTICES AND PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND ON THE STATUS OF
21 EFFORTS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A STABLE AND LONG-TERM
22 FUNDING MECHANISM FOR THESE PURPOSES. AND I THINK IT'S ALL A
23 REPORT BACK, SO I THINK...
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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** REPORT BACK, THEN MOTION, SECONDED TO-
2 - SO ORDERED. OKAY.

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU WERE HOLDING 49.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WAS I HOLDING...

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8 **SUP. BURKE:** 49, I THINK.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** 49.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OH. WELL-- THIS IS A BIT OF A MESS AND, A
13 COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO, WAS IT TWO WEEKS AGO OR LAST WEEK THAT WE
14 APPROVED THE PURCHASE OF THIS PROPERTY, APRIL 18TH, A MONTH
15 AGO, WE APPROVED THE PURCHASE OF THIS PROPERTY FOR THE
16 REGISTRAR-RECORDER'S OFFICE AT A COST OF \$10.8 MILLION. WE
17 WERE NOT INFORMED AT THE TIME THAT THE TENANT IMPROVEMENTS
18 THAT WERE GOING TO BE REQUIRED OF THIS BUILDING, AND IT WASN'T
19 FOR LACK OF ASKING, BUT WE WERE NOT INFORMED AT THE TIME THAT
20 THE TENANT IMPROVEMENTS WERE GOING TO BE \$6.3 MILLION ON TOP
21 OF THE 10.8 MILLION. NOW, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ANYBODY ELSE BUT,
22 IF I HAD KNOWN THAT A 10.8-MILLION-DOLLAR PURCHASE WAS GOING
23 TO REQUIRE A 6.3-MILLION-DOLLAR SERIES OF TENANT IMPROVEMENTS,
24 I'M NOT SURE I WOULD HAVE VOTED TO PURCHASE THE BUILDING IN
25 THE FIRST PLACE. IN FACT, I PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE VOTED TO



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1 PURCHASE THE BUILDING IN THE FIRST PLACE. NOW, THE BEST I CAN
2 SAY FOR THIS IS THAT SOMEBODY SCREWED UP. THE WORST I COULD
3 SAY FOR IT IS THAT SOMEBODY WAS TRYING TO WITHHOLD INFORMATION
4 FROM ME AND FROM THE REST OF THE BOARD BUT I'M NOT SURE WHAT
5 THE REST OF THE BOARD WOULD HAVE DONE. I'M NOT AWARE OF A
6 BUILDING WHERE 60, 65% ON TOP OF THE COST OF THE PURCHASE OF
7 THE BUILDING IS IN TENANT IMPROVEMENTS. I'M NOT SURE WE
8 COULDN'T HAVE FOUND A BETTER DEAL THAT WOULD HAVE REQUIRED
9 LESS FUNDS AND MAYBE EVEN COST US LESS IN TERMS OF THE
10 BUILDING IF WE HAD LOOKED. SO I'M KIND OF LIVID ABOUT IT. ALSO
11 LIVID ABOUT IT BECAUSE I'M TOLD THAT, IF WE WERE NOT TO BUY
12 THIS BUILDING NOW, IT'S STILL IN ESCROW, THAT WE WOULD BE-- AT
13 LEAST THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE HAS TOLD ME THAT WE, IN ALL
14 LIKELIHOOD, WOULD BE IN A BREACH OF CONTRACT SITUATION. I
15 DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S ACCURATE OR NOT. I THINK IT'S
16 UNACCEPTABLE THAT, WHEN WE ARE PROVIDED-- WHEN WE ARE ASKED TO
17 PURCHASE A PIECE OF PROPERTY, NO MATTER HOW GOOD THE PURPOSE
18 IS, THAT WE ARE NOT TOLD WHAT THE TOTAL COST OF IT'S GOING TO
19 BE AND TENANT IMPROVEMENTS ARE PART OF THE TOTAL COST OF THE
20 ACQUISITION OF A BUILDING. TO ADD INSULT TO INJURY, THERE'S
21 NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT BUT, IF WE WERE TO BUY IT AND WE
22 WERE TO MOVE INTO IT EVENTUALLY, WE'D STILL BE PAYING RENT, OF
23 COURSE, WHILE WE'RE SITTING IN THE OLD PLACE WHILE THEY'RE
24 DOING THE TENANT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE NEW PLACE: THE REGISTRAR-
25 RECORDER TELLS MY STAFF THIS AFTERNOON THAT SHE, TOO, WAS



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1 SHOCKED WHEN SHE SAW THE 6.3-MILLION-DOLLAR TENANT IMPROVEMENT
2 COST. SO IF THE COUNTY REGISTRAR, IF THE DEPARTMENT HEAD
3 DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THE COST OF THE TENANT IMPROVEMENTS WERE
4 GOING TO BE,, WHO WAS INFORMED? WHO MADE THE DECISION TO BRING
5 IT TO THE BOARD? WELL, ACTUALLY, IT WAS NEVER EXACTLY BROUGHT
6 TO THE BOARD BECAUSE THE BOARD WAS NEVER INFORMED WHAT THE
7 TENANT IMPROVEMENTS WOULD BE. BUT IF THE DEPARTMENT HEAD
8 WASN'T INVOLVED IN THE DETERMINATION OF WHAT THE TENANT
9 IMPROVEMENTS WERE GOING TO BE, THEN WHO'S ON FIRST? WHO IS
10 MAKING THAT KIND OF A COMMITMENT? SO THIS BOARD VOTED ON
11 SOMETHING ON APRIL 18TH BLINDLY, TOTALLY BLINDLY AND, IF THIS
12 WAS A HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, I'D BE JUST AS ANGRY ABOUT IT,
13 BUT I'M TRIPLY ANGRY ABOUT IT BECAUSE THIS IS SERIOUS MONEY.
14 THIS IS \$6.3 MILLION IN TENANT IMPROVEMENTS, A 10.8-MILLION-
15 DOLLAR BUILDING. THIS IS PROJECT IS A 17 OR 18-MILLION-DOLLAR
16 PROJECT TO STORE SOME EQUIPMENT SO-- WELL, THEY WANT TO
17 CONTINUE IT FOR TWO WEEKS, BUT I WANT, IN THE MEANTIME, IF THE
18 ESCROW HASN'T CLOSED, I WANT TO ASK THAT YOU NOT CONSUMMATE
19 THE FINAL DEAL UNTIL YOU CAN COME BACK TO US AND REPORT TO US
20 WHAT-- IF WE CAN MAYBE HAVE THE COUNTY COUNSEL EVALUATE
21 WHETHER WE CAN STILL GET, IF WE CHOOSE TO, GET OUT OF THIS
22 PURCHASE WITHOUT ANY CONTRACTUAL VIOLATION. AT ANY RATE, JUST,
23 THE REGISTRAR WANTS IT, YOU WANT IT CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS, I
24 HAVE NO PROBLEM CONTINUING IT FOR TWO WEEKS BUT I DON'T WANT
25 CERTAIN NEW FACTS TO BE CREATED IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS THAT



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1 WOULD PRECLUDE US FROM DOING SOMETHING THAT, HAD WE KNOWN
2 ABOUT IT TODAY, WE MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT
3 IT. DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING?

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR?

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST WANT TO CONCUR WITH WHAT MR. YAROSLAVSKY
10 SAID. I MEAN, I WOULD HAVE HAD REALLY SECOND GUESSES ABOUT
11 PURCHASING THIS PROPERTY IF WE HAD KNOWN IT WOULD BE 65% ON
12 THE IMPROVEMENTS. THAT SHOULD BE ALL ON ONE DOCUMENT. AND IT'S
13 NOT FAIR TO US TO, YOU KNOW, TO VOTE, IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S A
14 GOOD DEAL, EVERYBODY EXPLAINED THE ORIGINAL PURCHASE AWAY AND
15 WE KNOW WE NEEDED SPACE BUT THEN, TO COME BACK WITH A 6.3-
16 MILLION-DOLLAR REQUEST IS JUST ABSOLUTELY OUTRAGEOUS.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I GUESS THE OTHER THING IS, IF WE ARE
19 CONTRACTUALLY OBLIGATED, THEN I WONDER WHETHER WE CAN TURN
20 AROUND AND SELL THE BUILDING, I WONDER IF WE COULD SELL THE
21 BUILDING FOR 10.8-MILLION AFTER WE BOUGHT IT WITHOUT PUTTING A
22 NICKEL INTO IT, OTHER THAN THE PURCHASE PRICE, AND THEN LOOK
23 FOR ANOTHER SITE THAT WOULDN'T REQUIRE AS MUCH OF AN
24 INVESTMENT OF TAXPAYER MONEY FOR SOMETHING OF THIS TYPE. SO
25 THAT WOULD BE MY MOTION, IF YOU'RE GOING TO WANT TO CONTINUE



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1 IT FOR TWO WEEKS, THAT WE CONTINUE IT FOR TWO WEEKS, THAT YOU
2 GET US A REPORT BACK ON WHAT OUR OPTIONS ARE IN TERMS OF
3 GETTING OUT OF THE DEAL AND, IF WE CAN'T GET OUT OF THE DEAL,
4 WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO SELL IT, LOOK FOR AN ALTERNATIVE SITE AT
5 LESS MONEY THAN THIS COSTS.

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7 **SHARON HARPER:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL BE HAPPY TO PREPARE THE REPORT
8 FOR YOU BUT, JUST SO YOU KNOW, WE DID WORK CLOSELY WITH THE
9 DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE LOCATION OF THIS PARTICULAR PIECE OF
10 PROPERTY AND THE TENANT IMPROVEMENTS AND IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT
11 WE DIDN'T HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THE TIME WE
12 DID THE BOARD LETTER, WE HAD ESTIMATES ON THE COST OF THE
13 TENANT IMPROVEMENTS BUT, BECAUSE THEY WEREN'T FIRMED UP, WE
14 DID NOT PUT THEM IN THE BOARD LETTER. WE SHOULD HAVE ADVISED
15 THE BOARD OF WHAT WE THOUGHT THE RANGE WAS GOING TO BE AT THAT
16 TIME.

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT WAS THE ESTIMATE?

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20 **SHARON HARPER:** THE ESTIMATE, AT THAT TIME, WAS SIGNIFICANTLY
21 HIGHER THAN WHAT WE HAVE TODAY OF THE 6.4 MILLION DOLLARS. AT
22 THAT TIME, IT WAS ESTIMATED...

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24 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, WE SHOULD HAVE KNOWN ABOUT IT. IF THE
25 ESTIMATE WAS HIGHER THAN THIS, I MEAN, WE SHOULD HAVE KNOWN



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1 ABOUT IT. I MEAN, IF IT'S GOING-- YOU KNOW, IF THE ESTIMATE
2 WAS HIGHER THAN THIS, I MEAN, WE OBVIOUSLY SHOULD HAVE BEEN
3 MADE AWARE OF IT.

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5 **SHARON HARPER:** YEAH.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID YOU TELL ANYBODY, DID THE C.A.O.'S
8 OFFICE TELL ANYBODY ON THIS BOARD WHAT THE ESTIMATE WAS?
9 HIGHER OR LOWER?

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11 **SHARON HARPER:** I HAVE TO ASK STAFF ON THAT. NO. I'M GETTING
12 THE HEAD SHAKE.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO YOU MIGHT, YOU KNOW, IF A TREE FALLS IN
15 THE FOREST AND NOBODY HEARS IT, DID IT FALL? YOU DIDN'T TELL
16 ANYBODY WHAT THE ESTIMATE WAS.

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18 **SHARON HARPER:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT'S THE POINT? IT'S A MOOT ISSUE. IF
21 YOU KEPT IT TO YOURSELVES, WE WERE OPERATING IN THE BLIND, AND
22 IT'S A TERRIBLE FINANCIAL DECISION FOR US ON ITS FACE,
23 ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS. SO I'M NOT GOING TO LET THIS GO. THERE
24 ARE WAYS TO RECTIFY THIS. IF WE CAN'T GET OUT OF THE DEAL, WE
25 CERTAINLY CAN TEST THE VERACITY OF OUR OWN APPRAISALS OR



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1 WHATEVER IT WAS THAT DETERMINED THAT THE SALES PRICE WAS \$10.8
2 MILLION AND LET'S SEE IF WE CAN SELL IT FOR \$10.8 MILLION. I'D
3 BE VERY CURIOUS. IF WE CAN SELL IT FOR 10.8 OR MORE, I'LL BUY
4 YOU DINNER AT THE RESTAURANT OF YOUR CHOICE. SO I REALLY WOULD
5 LIKE TO SEE WHAT THE OPTIONS WERE. YOU GUYS, IF YOU KNEW THAT
6 THERE WAS THIS MUCH TENANT IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATED WITH IT,
7 COST-WISE, YOU DIDN'T TELL ANYBODY UP HERE ABOUT IT, AND YET
8 YOU ASKED US TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE. IT'S JUST-- TALK ABOUT A
9 BAIT AND SWITCH.

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11 **SHARON HARPER:** WE'LL REPORT BACK.

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. SO THAT MOTION WOULD BE TWO-WEEK
14 CONTINUANCE WITH A REPORT BACK PRIOR TO THE TWO WEEKS, THOUGH,
15 SO THAT WE HAVE TIME TO REVIEW THE REPORT.

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17 **SHARON HARPER:** YES.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY
20 KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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22 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, SIR. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I HAVE A NUMBER OF
23 ADJOURNMENTS TODAY. FIRST OF ALL, LET ME ADJOURN IN MEMORY MR.
24 GARY MORAN, WHO PASS AWAY ON SATURDAY, MAY 20TH, RESIDENT OF
25 ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS, AND A LONG-TIME FRIEND AND THAT'S WHY I



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1 WAS NOT HERE LAST WEEK, TO ATTEND HIS FUNERAL BACK THERE IN
2 ILLINOIS. HE AND I HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE WE WERE 10
3 YEARS OLD AND HAVE BEEN DEAR FRIENDS FOR SOME 52 YEARS. HE IS
4 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, CONNIE, HIS SON, MARK, DAUGHTER, KATHY,
5 HIS MOTHER, HELEN AND THREE GRANDCHILDREN.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED.

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** DEAR FRIEND. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
10 FLORENCE BIBB, WHO PASSED AWAY LAST WEEK. SHE IS THE MOTHER
11 JUNE AND I'S VERY DEAR FRIEND, JOANN HARVEY. SHE WILL BE
12 SORELY MISSED BY HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY
13 HER DAUGHTERS, CAROLYN, JOANN AND SON, SONNY. ALSO THAT WE
14 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DAN HEIL, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY 15TH
15 AFTER A SHORT BATTLE WITH LEUKEMIA. HE WAS A LA HABRA HEIGHTS
16 RESIDENT FOR SOME 60 YEARS. HE ATTENDED STANFORD, HE-- WITH AN
17 ENGINEERING DEGREE, AS YOU KNOW. HE STARTED HIS OWN
18 ENGINEERING FIRM, WILL DAN ASSOCIATES, WHERE HE WAS PRESIDENT
19 AND C.E.O. HE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE BOY SCOUTS, LOVED TO
20 FISH, HIKE, BOAT AND WATER SKI. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF
21 47 YEARS, LINDA, SONS, RON, GARY AND DOUG, DAUGHTER, SANDY,
22 SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN AND SIBLINGS, DAVID AND MARY JO. ALSO THAT
23 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF NANCY SCOTTO, WHO, A LONG-TIME
24 RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE. SHE WAS VERY INVOLVED WITH
25 THE SONS OF ITALY BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, SHE WILL BE GREATLY



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1 MISSED BY HER HUSBAND, HER CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN AND MANY
2 FRIENDS. AND SHE IS THE MOTHER OF FRANK SCOTTO, CITY
3 COUNCILMAN, CITY OF TORRANCE, CURRENT CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR DOWN
4 THERE. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ED JACKSON, A LONG-
5 TIME RESIDENT OF UNINCORPORATED WHITTIER. HE WAS A LONG-TIME
6 MEMBER OF BOTH THE WHITTIER COUNTY COMMUNITY COORDINATING
7 COUNCIL, THE WEST WHITTIER SHERIFF'S COMMUNITY ADVISORY
8 COUNCIL, HE VALUED HIS FAMILY AND ENJOYED LAUGHTER. HE'S GOING
9 TO BE SORELY MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE IS SURVIVED BY
10 HIS WIFE, CHERYL. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LENNA
11 MCCARBERY, A LONG-TIME AND ACTIVE RESIDENT OF THE HARBOR AREA
12 COMMUNITIES. SHE'S COMMITTED TO A NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS,
13 INCLUDING GAP, WHERE SHE WAS A CHARTER MEMBER. SHE WAS ALSO A
14 CHARTER MEMBER AND OFFICE OF NATIONAL WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS
15 OF SOUTH BAY. SHE WAS ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND OFFICE
16 MANAGER OF THE REDONDO BEACH CHAMBER IN THE OFFICE OF MANAGER
17 OF SAN PEDRO CHAMBER. SHE WAS VERY INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY
18 DOWN THERE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, DENNIS AND HER
19 BELOVED MOTHER, CYNTHIA. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
20 DONALD GRUNDITZ. HE PASSED AWAY ON MAY 9TH AT THE AGE OF 84.
21 HE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE NAVAL RESERVE AND HE IS SURVIVED BY
22 HIS WIFE OF 58 YEARS, MARY, DAUGHTERS, MARTHA AND FOUR
23 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF PATRICK JOHN
24 KNEUER, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 48. HE WAS AN ACTIVE
25 MEMBER OF BOY SCOUT PACK 75 AND TROOP 65 IN LAKEWOOD. HE IS



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1 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, NANCY, HIS SONS, JACOB AND GREGORY, AND
2 EIGHT SIBLINGS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOSEPHINE
3 NICHOLS, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY 11TH. SHE WILL BE DEEPLY
4 MISSED BY HER CHILDREN, CHERYL GUINN OF RANCHO, ANITA NICHOLS,
5 JENNY, KEVIN, FRANK AND HER GRANDCHILDREN. SHE WILL BE MISSED
6 BY ALL. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROBERT POLLINGER,
7 WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 74, WAS A VETERAN IN THE UNITED
8 STATES AIR FORCE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, OPAL, DAUGHTER,
9 LETAH, TWO SONS, DWAYNE AND WAYNE, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN AND ONE
10 GREAT- GRANDCHILD, A SISTER AND A BROTHER. AND FINALLY THAT WE
11 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF TOM REINCE, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 58,
12 RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH AND LAKEWOOD. HE GRADUATED FROM CAL
13 STATE LONG BEACH. HE TAUGHT IN THE LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL
14 DISTRICT. HE WAS THE MAN WHO WORE THE FUN HAWAIIAN SHIRTS AND
15 ENJOYED MUSCLE CARS AND ALWAYS LISTENED TO YOUR PROBLEMS WHEN
16 OTHERS WOULDN'T SAID THE STUDENTS WHO LOVED HIM AND HE LOVED
17 THEM. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE DIANE, DAUGHTERS, SUSAN,
18 KAREN, JANE, AND MOLLY, SON, MARK, SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN, AND
19 SIBLINGS, CHUCK, MARY, CAROL AND ROBERT. THOSE ARE MY
20 ADJOURNMENTS.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
23 ORDERED.

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25 **SUP. KNABE:** I DON'T BELIEVE I HELD ANYTHING ELSE.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MOVE THAT
3 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DORIS SNEED OF VAL VERDE WHO WAS QUITE
4 ACTIVE THERE WITH HER FAMILY. STEVEN FRANK AMBRIZ, WHO WAS
5 CHIEF OF STAFF TO ASSEMBLYMAN TODD SPITZER AND COUNCIL MEMBER
6 FOR THE CITY OF ORANGE. HE WAS KILLED IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT AS WELL.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. FRIEND OF OURSELF, AMBASSADOR
11 JUS-HSIUNG OUYANG, WHO WAS THE FORMER CONSUL-GENERAL BETWEEN
12 1994 AND '97 FOR THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, WHO WAS-- PASSED AWAY.
13 HE WAS CURRENTLY SERVING AS AMBASSADOR TO SINGAPORE. HE LEAVES
14 HIS WIFE, PEY YIN AND TWO SONS, BRUCE BOGUE, A INSURANCE
15 EXECUTIVE AND ALSO A SON OF ONE OF OUR FORMER FEDERAL-- OR
16 COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES FROM SAN MARINO. DOUG CLARKE,
17 FORMER RETIRED PRESIDENT OF GLENDALE FEDERAL SAVINGS, WAS
18 ACTIVE IN GLENDALE ROTARY, Y.M.C.A., SERVED IN THE UNITED
19 STATES AIR FORCE AS A LIEUTENANT. FORMER COMMISSIONER OF MINE,
20 WAYNE HEATH, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 87. HE WAS RESPONSIBLE
21 FOR THE DESIGNING OF THE UNIQUE SIGNS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
22 ANGELES, SUCH AS FELIX THE CAT ABOVE THE CHEVROLET DEALERSHIP,
23 THE FIRST INTERSTATE BANK, HE WAS A MENTOR TO RAUL RODRIGUEZ,
24 THE DESIGNER OF FLOATS FOR OUR ROSE PARADE AND FOR DISNEYLAND
25 AND THE FLAMINGO HOTELS NEON EXTRAVAGANZA IN LAS VEGAS AND THE



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1 UNIQUE KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN SPINNING BUCKET. HENRY BUMSTEAD,
2 WHO WAS AN ACADEMY AWARD RECIPIENT FOR A HOLLYWOOD PRODUCTION
3 DESIGNER, A UNIQUE ROLE MODEL. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91
4 AND HE WAS STILL WORKING IN THE INDUSTRY, PROVIDING TOP
5 QUALITY FILMS. ALBERT IRWIN, FORMER PRINCIPAL OF GRENADA HILLS
6 HIGH SCHOOL AND WAS ALSO A SUMMER YOSEMITE PARK RANGER.
7 KRISTOPHER MARGRAVE, THE SON OF COUNCIL MEMBER MARGRAVE--
8 DAVID MARGRAVE OF SOUTH PASADENA. HE WAS A GRADUATE OF SOUTH
9 PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL, AND HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 26.
10 BOBBY KELLY, RETIRED DEPUTY SHERIFF, LOS ANGELES COUNTY
11 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. GEORGE CONIGLIO WHO IS ORIGINALLY FROM
12 ENCINO, RAISED IN LANCASTER. TOM VAN DELFSEN. HE WAS SENIOR
13 VICE PRESIDENT TREASURER OF THE AVCO FINANCIAL SERVICES.
14 ALBERT EWALD, WORLD TRAVELER AND WORLDWIDE HAM RADIO. AND
15 SISTER AGNES MARIE O'LOUGHLIN OF THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF
16 CARONDELET PASSED AWAY MAY 22ND. SECONDED BY MS. MOLINA.
17 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OKAY. PUBLIC COMMENT. RAY
18 LEYVA. JOSE REYES. WE NEED A TRANSLATOR, TOO.

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. MAYOR, I THINK THAT WE HAVE TWO ITEMS,
21 ITEMS 45 AND ITEM 54.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. 45. ANYBODY HELD?

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK YOU AND I HELD THAT. I JUST WANTED SOME
2 EXPLANATION. I MEAN, THE BOARD LETTER, THIS IS ITEM 45,
3 MARGARET? THE BOARD LETTER IS SORT OF JUST LIKE, "HEY, IT'S
4 TIME TO DO IT AGAIN, LET'S DO IT," AND I DON'T SEE HOW THAT
5 KIND OF MONEY WOULD AFFECT THE HOURS OF OPERATION.

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7 **SHARON HARPER:** ON THE LIBRARY TAX?

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** LIBRARY TAX.

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11 **SHARON HARPER:** YES, IT'S ESTIMATED TO-- LIBRARIAN.

12

13 **MARGARET DONLAN-TODD:** DO YOU WANT ME TO ANSWER? MARGARET
14 DONLAN-TODD, COUNTY LIBRARIAN. SUPERVISOR, I APOLOGIZE. I
15 DIDN'T HEAR CLEARLY WHAT YOUR QUESTION WAS. YOU WANTED SOME
16 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, NO, NOT SO MUCH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BUT
19 THE BOARD LETTER.

20

21 **MARGARET TODD:** YES, SIR.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** IS SOMEWHAT OF AN INSULT. IT JUST APPEARS LIKE,
24 "OKAY, IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN, WE'RE NOT GOING TO GO
25 WITH THE COST OF LIVING BECAUSE WE AGREED TO THE LOWER COST



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1 AND, OH, BY THE WAY, THIS WILL INCLUDE HOURS OF OPERATION,
2 PURCHASE OF BOOKS AND MATERIALS AT THE AFFECTED LIBRARY.
3 THAT'S CERTAINLY NOT THE PICTURE WE GOT-- WE'RE NOT GOING TO
4 GET INCREASED HOURS OF OPERATION.

5

6 **MARGARET TODD:** NO. THIS IS TO MAINTAIN WHAT WE HAVE GIVEN...

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** FOR THIS 2%, FOR THIS, YOU'RE GOING TO REDUCE
9 HOURS IF YOU DIDN'T GET THIS 2%?

10

11 **MARGARET TODD:** REALISTICALLY, NOT THIS YEAR, NO. I MEAN, I
12 THINK WE COULD MANAGE TO DEAL WITH IT. MY CONCERN IS JUST THE
13 ONGOING ISSUE OF THE 11 CITIES PLUS THE UNINCORPORATED AREA
14 GOT ADDITIONAL SERVICE VIA THIS THING THAT OTHER COMMUNITIES
15 DID NOT GET. OUR COST OF SERVICES GOES UP AT LEAST 2% EVERY
16 YEAR. I MEAN, WE KNOW WHAT THE COST OF LIVING IN OUR
17 SURROUNDING-- EXCUSE ME, IN TERMS OF EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND
18 EMPLOYEE SALARIES, ET CETERA, ET CETERA, SO I'M MORE CONCERNED
19 IN TERMS OF THE LONG-TERM AND TO BE FAIR TO ALL MY
20 COMMUNITIES.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, BUT THOSE COMMUNITIES THAT YOU'RE BEING FAIR
23 TO ARE THE COMMUNITIES THAT VOTED FOR IT, RIGHT? FOR THE TAX?

24



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1 **MARGARET TODD:** YES, BUT ALSO THOSE COMMUNITIES WHO DO NOT HAVE
2 THE TAX. I COULD SEE THEM SAYING TO ME, "WELL, WAIT A MINUTE,
3 WHAT ARE YOU DOING FUNDING THOSE EXTRA SERVICES YOU PROMISED
4 THEM WITH THE TAX FROM MONEY THAT'S COMING FROM PROPERTY TAX
5 AND GENERAL FUND? WAIT A MINUTE. THAT WASN'T WHAT WE
6 UNDERSTOOD THE DEAL WAS." SO THAT'S MY CONCERN AND THIS
7 FUNDING GETS AWFULLY COMPLEX THESE DAYS.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** I UNDERSTAND THAT BUT I JUST THINK WE DESERVE
10 BETTER AS FAR AS A REQUEST FOR AN INCREASE OF ANY SORT WHEN IT
11 COMES TO THESE TAXES. JUST, YOU KNOW, I MEAN, THAT'S-- I MEAN,
12 WHEN WE WENT THROUGH THIS BATTLE ORIGINALLY, WE SAID THAT,
13 OKAY, ARE YOU JUST GOING TO COME BACK EVERY YEAR AND SAY WE
14 NEED AN INCREASE BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT TO IMPACT THE PLACES
15 THAT DIDN'T VOTE FOR IT. I MEAN, THAT'S JUST-- THAT'S THE SAME
16 OLD SAME OLD. I MEAN, YOU KNOW, THERE'S NOTHING IN THIS BOARD
17 LETTER THAT REALLY SPEAKS OUT FOR NEED AND IT'S NOT THAT YOU
18 DON'T WANT TO SUPPORT SOMETHING LIKE THAT, YOU KNOW I'M A BIG
19 ADVOCATE FOR LIBRARIES AND EVERYTHING ELSE, BUT I FIND THIS
20 BOARD LETTER JUST DOESN'T REACH OUT TO DEAL WITH ANYTHING
21 ABOUT THE ISSUES THAT ARE OUT THERE.

22

23 **MARGARET TODD:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, I APOLOGIZE TO YOU AND, QUITE
24 FRANKLY, YOU'VE SAID THIS AND, IN LOOKING AT THE BOARD LETTER,
25 IT IS VERY BRIEF, AND I CERTAINLY HAVEN'T GONE INTO REAL



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1 DETAIL THAT I COULD HAVE, SO I APOLOGIZE TO YOU BECAUSE I CAN
2 SEE THAT YOU'RE CORRECT.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, THIS IS, YOU KNOW, "OH, BY THE WAY, IT'S
5 THIS TIME OF YEAR AGAIN, SO LET'S SLAP ON 2%." AND
6 PARTICULARLY IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS WHERE YOU'RE NOT
7 SLAPPING THE 2% ALL OVER, YOU'VE GOT PEOPLE THAT VOTED FOR IT
8 AND THEY DESERVE FAIRNESS, TOO, THAT IT'S NOT JUST AUTOMATIC.

9

10 **MARGARET TODD:** RIGHT.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT JUST BECAUSE THEY VOTED FOR IT DOESN'T MEAN
13 IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN EVERY YEAR. I MEAN, WE DO THAT WITH THE
14 FIRE DEPARTMENT.

15

16 **MARGARET TODD:** SUPERVISOR, I UNDERSTAND YOUR POINT AND I THINK
17 IT IS JUSTIFIED BUT I AGREE WITH YOU THIS LETTER DOES NOT HAVE
18 THE DETAIL YOU WOULD HAVE NEEDED TO CONSIDER THAT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THOSE COMMUNITIES
23 THAT VOTED FOR IT? I KNOW I HAD A NUMBER OF COMMUNITIES THAT
24 DID VOTE FOR THE ASSESSMENT.

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1 **MARGARET TODD:** THEY...

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3 **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT ARE THEY GETTING THAT'S DIFFERENT THAN IF
4 THEY HAD NOT VOTED FOR IT?

5

6 **MARGARET TODD:** MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT, WHEN THIS WAS SET,
7 EACH OF THOSE COMMUNITIES GOT AN INCREASED AMOUNT OF SERVICE
8 HOURS AND MATERIALS AND WE HAVE MAINTAINED THAT ADDITIONAL
9 INCREMENT THROUGH THE TIME PERIOD FOR THAT. SO THAT'S WHAT
10 THEY'RE GETTING.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** AND SO THIS WOULD BE, WHEN THEY PAY MORE, THEY
13 WILL CONTINUE TO GET DISPROPORTIONATELY MORE SERVICE HOURS? I
14 THINK, BEFORE, IT WAS A MATTER OF DAYS THEY WERE OPEN AND
15 HOURS THEY WERE OPEN.

16

17 **MARGARET TODD:** THAT'S PROBABLY CORRECT.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT NOW IS THERE A DIFFERENCE NOW IN TERMS OF DAYS
20 AND HOURS THAT THEY'RE OPEN?

21

22 **MARGARET TODD:** THERE CERTAINLY IS IN TERMS OF THE CITIES AND
23 EVEN IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS, WE'VE ALWAYS KEPT THAT
24 INCREMENT. I WOULD PROBABLY SAY TO YOU THAT, SINCE WE'VE PUT
25 IN SOME PROP 62 MONEY INTO OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS, PROBABLY



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1 THE LINE GETS A LITTLE FUZZIER, BUT ONE OF THE ISSUES-- I KNOW
2 WE DID TALK ABOUT THAT LAST YEAR AND WE ALSO CONCLUDED THAT
3 THE SPECIAL TAX, BECAUSE IT INCLUDES OUR CITIES, REALLY HAS TO
4 SAY KIND OF SEPARATE FROM THE PROP 62 PIECE OF IT.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT THERE IS STILL AN IDENTIFIABLE BENEFIT THAT
7 GOES TO THOSE WHO PAY FOR IT?

8

9 **MARGARET TODD:** ABSOLUTELY. WE KNOW WHAT THEY RECEIVED AND WE
10 MAINTAIN THAT.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** I MOVED IT.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL SECOND IT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE HAVE A MOTION BY MOLINA,
17 SECONDED BY BURKE.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT, YOU KNOW, I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT I THINK THAT
20 THIS MAY BE SOMETHING WE NEED TO LOOK AT AGAIN, BECAUSE THIS
21 WAS PASSED AT A TIME WHEN THERE WAS A CRISIS AND MANY OF THE
22 LIBRARIES WERE NOT OPEN ON SATURDAY, THEY HAD LIMITED HOURS.
23 BUT I WOULD LIKE A REPORT BACK IN TERMS OF WHETHER WE REALLY
24 NEED TO CONTINUE WITH THIS ASSESSMENT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT
25 THERE ARE OTHER REVENUES AVAILABLE.



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2 **MARGARET TODD:** I AGREE WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR. I THINK OUR
3 REVENUE STREAMS HAVE BECOME SO VARIED AT THIS POINT, I DON'T
4 THINK IT'S A BAD IDEA TO GO BACK AND JUST RE-LOOK AT ALL OF
5 THAT AND BE SURE WE'RE BEING FAIR TO EVERYBODY.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** IF WE COULD GET A REPORT BACK ON THAT WITHIN 60
8 DAYS.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I WOULD HOPE THAT ANY OTHER FURTHER REQUEST
11 FOR ANY INCREASE IS A LOT MORE FAIR TO US SO THAT WE HAVE SOME
12 IDEA OF WHAT WE'RE GETTING BECAUSE, AGAIN, YOU DON'T HAVE
13 EVERYONE BEING TAXED. SOME VOTED FOR THEMSELVES AND THE
14 OTHERS. SO, I MEAN, HOW DO YOU-- TO PUT IN HERE THAT YOU'RE
15 GOING TO, YOU KNOW, LIMIT HOURS OF OPERATION BECAUSE THEY
16 DIDN'T AGREE TO A 2% INCREASE IS OUTRAGEOUS, IT'S NOTHING--
17 YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DO THAT. YOU CAN'T DO THAT.

18

19 **MARGARET TODD:** AND I APOLOGIZE, SUPERVISOR. WE DIDN'T DO OUR
20 HOMEWORK.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** I THOUGHT THAT WAS THE IDEA, THOUGH. I THOUGHT,
23 WHEN WE TOLD PEOPLE IF THEY WOULD VOTE, THEY WOULD HAVE MORE
24 HOURS. THEY VOTED TO PAY FOR...

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, THEY'RE STILL PAYING MORE THAN EVERYBODY
2 ELSE JUST BUT I'M TALKING ABOUT THE INCREASE. I'M NOT TALKING
3 ABOUT WHAT THEY'VE PAID UP TO NOW BUT I'M JUST TALKING TO COME
4 BACK IN AND A 2% INCREASE. YOU KNOW, YOU CAN'T, YOU KNOW,
5 THAT'S WHY THEY VOTED FOR IT. BUT THEY DIDN'T VOTE TO JUST
6 HAVE IT AUTOMATIC.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** NO, IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE AUTOMATIC BUT THE
9 PERCENTAGE WE'RE VOTING IS LESS THAN WHAT IS BUILT INTO THE
10 BILL.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** HE'S JUST SAYING THERE SHOULD BE BETTER
13 JUSTIFICATION...

14

15 **MARGARET TODD:** WE SHOULD DO A BETTER JOB JUSTIFYING AND
16 EXPLAINING.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** AND ALSO, I'M NOT SURE WE SHOULD STILL HAVE IT.

19

20 **MARGARET TODD:** AND WE WILL BE HAPPY TO COME BACK AND LOOK AT
21 THAT.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ESPECIALLY WHEN YOUR DEPARTMENT HAD SO MUCH
24 MONEY THAT IS UNSPENT OR WILL HAVE MONEY THAT IS UNSPENT AT
25 THE END OF THE YEAR. WHAT IS IT, \$5 MILLION OR THEREABOUTS?



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2 **MARGARET TODD:** I DON'T HAVE MY BUDGET WITH ME BUT...

3

4 **SPEAKER:** YES, THAT'S CORRECT.

5

6 **MARGARET TODD:** ...I WILL SAY THAT'S PROBABLY VERY CLOSE.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST, I HAD THIS-- I DIDN'T VOTE FOR THIS
9 LAST TIME AND I SAID IT AT THE TIME, I SAID YOU WILL NOT SPEND
10 THE MONEY THAT YOU'VE BEEN BUDGETED. FACTS SPEAK FOR
11 THEMSELVES. I'M GOING TO SAY IT AGAIN TODAY. I DON'T KNOW--
12 LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION. UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD YOU
13 NOT ASK THE TAXPAYERS OF THE DISTRICT FOR AN INCREASE? CAN YOU
14 CONCEIVE OF A CIRCUMSTANCE IN ANY YEAR WHERE YOU WOULD NOT ASK
15 FOR AN INCREASE?

16

17 **MARGARET TODD:** WELL, I BELIEVE THAT, IF WE HAD A YEAR WHERE
18 OUR COSTS WERE SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER AND WE DID NOT MEET THAT
19 2%, BUT I UNDERSTAND YOUR POINT, SUPERVISOR. I THINK OUR REAL
20 ISSUE IS THAT WE HAVE PROP 62 MONEY WE'VE NOT BEEN ABLE TO
21 SPEND, WE HAVEN'T ABLE TO RECRUIT LIBRARIANS BUT IT'S SITTING
22 THERE, THAT SERVES UNINCORPORATED AND I'VE GOT THE SPECIAL TAX
23 OVER HERE AND THE WHOLE-- AS I SAID, MY FUNDING SOURCES ARE
24 GETTING SO VARIED THAT I THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO TAKE A LOOK
25 AGAIN AND TALK ABOUT THOSE ISSUES.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT, IN THE MEANTIME, RAISE EVERYBODY IN THE
3 DISTRICT'S TAXES?

4

5 **MARGARET TODD:** WELL, AS I SAID, YOU KNOW, IT SEEMS-- IT
6 APPEARS FAIR TO ME BECAUSE, WHEN WE STARTED THIS, WE SAID THAT
7 THOSE PEOPLE WOULD RECEIVE A HIGHER LEVEL OF SERVICE, WHICH
8 THEY DO. WE TOLD THE OTHER COMMUNITIES THAT WE WOULD NOT FUND
9 THAT HIGHER LEVEL OF SERVICE THROUGH FUNDS THAT ARE AVAILABLE
10 FOR THEM, SO-- BUT I AGREE WITH YOU, IT'S GETTING COMPLEX AND
11 IT NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, THEN, WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS THAT--
14 WHAT MR. KNABE WAS ALLUDING TO A MINUTE AGO IS THAT-- THE
15 OPPOSITE OF WHAT HE WAS-- HE'S SAYING IT SHOULDN'T BE
16 AUTOMATIC AND IT ISN'T AUTOMATIC OR IT WOULDN'T BE ON THE
17 AGENDA AND YET YOU'RE SAYING THAT, UNLESS THERE'S A DEFLATION,
18 WHICH IS NOT LIKELY TO OCCUR, THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE ASKING
19 FOR AN INCREASE EVERY YEAR AND I UNDERSTAND ALL THE FUNDING
20 STREAMS AND ALL THAT, BUT WHEN YOUR DEPARTMENT-- WHEN ANY
21 DEPARTMENT HAS THIS MUCH OF A SURPLUS AT THE END OF THE YEAR,
22 TO GO BACK TO THE VOTERS, TO GO BACK-- GO BACK AND RAISE THE
23 TAXES ON THE PEOPLE WHO VOTED FOR IT, THEY DIDN'T VOTE FOR IT
24 ON THE EXPECTATION THAT THEY'RE GOING TO GET INCREASED EVERY
25 YEAR. THAT WE'VE HAD THE TRAUMA TAX ON FOR THREE YEARS NOW,



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1 ALMOST FOUR-- THREE YEARS AND WE HAVEN'T RAISED IT ONCE. WE
2 MAY RAISE IT THIS TIME BUT WE HAVEN'T RAISED IT IN YEAR ONE OR
3 TWO, EVEN THOUGH WE COULD HAVE. THE FIRE CHIEF, AS DON SAID,
4 HAS THE SAME KIND OF A SITUATION WITH THE FIRE DISTRICT, HE
5 ACTUALLY LOWERED THE TAX RATE ON OCCASION WHEN HE DIDN'T NEED
6 THE MONEY. GO AHEAD.

7

8 **MARGARET TODD:** THE ONLY ISSUE ACTIVE IS I'M PROBABLY THE ONLY
9 DEPARTMENT THAT ONLY 11 OF MY CITIES IN MY UNINCORPORATED PAY
10 US SO, UNLIKE THE FIRE, WHERE EVERYBODY PAYS, IF I UNDERSTAND
11 IT, AND TRAUMA, EVERYBODY PAYS IT, ONLY A SELECT GROUP PAY IT
12 UNDER THIS, SO I'VE GOT THIS OTHER GROUP THAT SAYS, WAIT A
13 MINUTE, YOUR COSTS HAVE GONE UP MORE THAN 2% THIS YEAR. HOW
14 CAN YOU SAY THAT IT'S FAIR THAT FUND THERE OUT OF WHAT SHOULD
15 BE OUR POT? AND THERE'S THE CRUX OF MY DILEMMA.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, BUT THAT'S NOT FAIR TO THE PEOPLE WHO VOTED
18 THEMSELVES THE TAX. THAT'S THE POINT.

19

20 **MARGARET TODD:** BUT IF IT'S COSTING ME MORE THAN 2% TO PROVIDE
21 THAT SERVICE, IS THAT UNFAIR?

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST THINK, MAYBE WE-- DO WE HAVE TIME? CAN WE
24 CONTINUE THIS A WEEK? HUH?

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU HAVE UNTIL AUGUST.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE:** OR A WEEK AND HAVE THEM COME BACK-- HAVE HER COME
4 BACK WITH SOME JUSTIFICATION AND AT LEAST EXPLAIN TO US, YOU
5 KNOW, WHAT THE DILEMMA IS...

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE HAVE A MOTION BY KNABE AND
8 I'LL SECOND THAT TO CONTINUE THAT FOR A WEEK-- TWO WEEKS, TWO
9 WEEKS WITH THAT INFORMATION THE SUPERVISORS HAVE REQUESTED.
10 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU. THE LAST ITEM, RAY,
11 I HAVE A QUESTION. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE CITY OF
12 COMPTON DROPPED OUT OF THIS-- I GUESS IT'S EITHER YOU OR MR.
13 WOLFE-- OUT OF THIS PROGRAM. THE QUESTION IS, IF THEY WERE
14 BACK IN THE PROGRAM, WOULD OUR INSURANCE RATES DECREASE? THIS
15 IS 54.

16

17 **DON WOLFE:** SUPERVISOR, I'M NOT-- THIS IS DON WOLF, L.A. COUNTY
18 PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR. THE COST OF THE INSURANCE IS COMPLETELY
19 PAID BY MTA AND, HONESTLY, WE'RE NOT AWARE OF WHAT THE COST OF
20 THE POLICY IS. THE DEAL THAT WE HAVE HERE IS THAT THE MTA SET
21 THIS UP TO PROTECT THE CITIES WHERE THE BLUE LINE RUNS THROUGH
22 FROM BASICALLY A POSSIBLE CATASTROPHIC ACCIDENT WHERE THE
23 LIABILITIES COULD BE SEPARATED AND WE COULD BE SEVERELY
24 IMPACTED. THIS SETS OUR LIABILITY AT 2% OF ANY COSTS OVER THE-



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1 - WHAT THE INSURANCE POLICY WOULD COVER AND THE INSURANCE
2 POLICY WOULD COVER UP TO \$100 MILLION, AND THEN THE...

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT IF L.A. CITY AND COMPTON WERE BACK
5 AS THEY ORIGINALLY WERE A PART OF THIS COMPACT, WOULD OUR
6 COSTS GO DOWN?

7

8 **DON WOLFE:** NO, NO, SUPERVISOR, THEY WOULDN'T. THEY'RE THE SAME
9 NOW. OUR LIABILITY OF 2% IS THE SAME AS IT WAS WHEN THE TWO
10 CITIES WERE IN. THE CITIES DECIDED TO GO OUT ON THEIR OWN,
11 WHICH WE THINK IS A DANGEROUS SITUATION BECAUSE THEY COULD BE
12 SUED SEPARATELY AND NOT COVERED BY MTA'S UMBRELLA HERE.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO, REGARDLESS, WE ARE PROTECTED AND
15 THOSE WHO JOIN WITH US ARE PROTECTED WITHOUT ANY ADDITIONAL
16 INCREASE IN PREMIUM? AND THOSE CITIES LIKE L.A. CITY, THEY
17 WANT TO GO ON THEIR OWN, ARE GOING TO BE LIABLE TO THEIR
18 TAXPAYERS FOR A PANDORA'S BOX?

19

20 **DON WOLFE:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WELL, WHY WOULD THEY DO SOMETHING
23 CRAZY LIKE THAT?

24



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1 **DON WOLFE:** WE DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT, TO TELL YOU THE
2 TRUTH. THE CITY OF L.A. OPTED OUT ORIGINALLY JUST A COUPLE OF
3 MONTHS AFTER THE BOARD APPROVED THIS AGREE-- THE ORIGINAL
4 AGREEMENT BACK IN, I BELIEVE, 1990 OR 1991 AND I THINK WHAT
5 THEY'RE DOING POSSIBLY, AND I'M GUESSING HERE, IS JUST PLAYING
6 THE ODDS. WE'VE NEVER BEEN BILLED BY MTA DURING THE LIFE OF
7 THIS AGREEMENT FOR ANY COST FOR LIABILITY.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT'S WHY THEY'RE IN THE RED TODAY. [
10 LIGHT LAUGHTER]

11

12 **DON WOLFE:** BUT, OBVIOUSLY, WITH THE BLUE LINE, THERE IS AN
13 OPPORTUNITY FOR A CATASTROPHIC LIABILITY LOSS HERE AND WE'RE
14 BASICALLY COVERING OURSELVES WITH THAT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THAT'S MY QUESTION I HAD.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** DON, WHY ARE JUST NOW CLEANING IT UP AFTER-- SINCE
19 IT'S BEEN LIKE THAT SINCE 1990? WHAT WAS THE IMPETUS?

20

21 **DON WOLFE:** BECAUSE JUST WAITING FOR THE TERM OF IT TO COME UP
22 AND IT'S JUST DUE FOR RENEWAL AGAIN, SO THAT'S THE REASON.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION. I'LL MOVE. SECONDED BY KNABE.
2 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. GO INTO PUBLIC COMMENT. RAY
3 LEYVA AND WE NEED A TRANSLATOR FOR JOSE REYES, PATRICIA GARCIA
4 AND PATRICIA REYES OLVERA, OAVIRA, O-A-V-I-R-A. JUST GIVE YOUR
5 NAME FOR THE RECORD.

6

7 **RAY LEYVA:** RAY LEYVA. MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THANK
8 YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TODAY TO SPEAK BEFORE YOU AND ADDRESS
9 THE ISSUE AND A COUPLE OF ISSUES THAT I BELIEVE TO BE
10 IMPORTANT TO THE RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY. AS I SAID, MY NAME
11 IS RAY LEYVA AND I'M A 30-YEAR RESIDENT OF THE SAN FERNANDO
12 VALLEY, CURRENTLY IN CHATSWORTH, ALSO A CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF
13 ON JUNE THE 6TH OF THIS YEAR.. I COME TO YOU AS A 30-YEAR
14 VETERAN OF LAW ENFORCEMENT WITH OVER 25 YEARS ON THE
15 DEPARTMENT AND THE CAPTAIN FOR THE LAST SIX YEARS. AND, DURING
16 THIS LAST 25 YEARS, I'VE HAD 19 DIFFERENT ASSIGNMENTS RANGING
17 FROM CUSTODY TO PATROL TO ADMINISTRATION. I ALSO HAVE AN MBA
18 FROM PEPPERDINE AND A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE AND BUSINESS FROM
19 CAL STATE L.A. NOW, MANY OF THE CITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY OF
20 LOS ANGELES DO NOT USE THE COUNTY SHERIFF AS THEIR PRIMARY
21 POLICE PROTECTION BUT THEY ALSO HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE
22 PROBLEMS IMPACTING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IMPACT EVERYONE IN
23 THE COUNTY AND NOT JUST THOSE COMMUNITIES UNDER CONTRACT TO
24 THE DEPARTMENT. THE EARLY RELEASE PROGRAM, WHICH WE'VE SEEN
25 CONSISTENTLY IN THESE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS, CURRENTLY UNDER WAY



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1 HAS RELEASED OVER 200,000 INMATES, NOT 150,000 AS REPORTED,
2 INTO EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE COUNTY. THIS HAS MADE EVERYONE
3 IN THE COUNTY AREA VULNERABLE AND I BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE
4 BETTER WAYS TO CONTROL JAIL OVERCROWDING AND, WORKING WITH THE
5 D.A.'S OFFICE, PROBATION AND THE COURTS, WE CAN ACHIEVE A MUCH
6 BETTER WAY OF DEALING WITH THE OVERCROWDING RATHER THAN THE
7 EARLY RELEASE PROGRAM THAT WE HAVE. CURRENTLY, THE DEPARTMENT
8 HAS TROUBLE PRIORITIZING BASIC SERVICES AND HAS DIFFICULTY
9 BALANCING THE 1.9-BILLION-DOLLAR BUDGET. WE ARE CONCERNED
10 ABOUT LETTING FOLKS AUDIT THE BUDGET, YET THIS IS THE BEST
11 WAY, I BELIEVE, TO EXPOSE IT FOR WHAT IT IS. I AGREE WITH THE
12 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT WE SHOULD FACE MORE SCRUTINY, THAT
13 WE NEED TO BE AUDITED AND THAT WE NEED TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE
14 FOR OUR SPENDING PRACTICES AND THE WAY THAT WE USE YOUR AND
15 OUR TAXPAYERS' DOLLARS. THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATOR WANTS TO
16 PUNISH US, THE TAXPAYERS, INSTEAD OF CONVICTED CRIMINALS. EVEN
17 THOUGH THE VOTERS DEFEATED HIS 2004 TAX HIKE EFFORT, HE DOES
18 NOT LEARN AND IS NOW PUSHING TWO NEW TAX INCREASES. I AGAIN
19 AGREE WITH THE BOARD THAT WE DO NOT NEED NEW TAX INCREASES,
20 THAT THERE ARE SUFFICIENT MONEYS WITHIN THE COUNTY FAMILY
21 AVAILABLE TO US TO OPERATE THE DEPARTMENT WITHOUT THEM.
22 ALTHOUGH THE CURRENT DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION BELIEVES THAT
23 WE CANNOT HAVE SAFE JAILS WITHOUT MORE TAXPAYER MONEY AND THAT
24 TAXPAYERS SHOULD BAIL US OUT FOR IGNORING CRITICAL JAIL
25 OVERCROWDING FOR YEARS, I BELIEVE THAT JAIL SAFETY IS POSSIBLE



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1 WITHOUT DEMANDING THE TAX INCREASE AND I WOULD USE THE TWIN
2 TOWERS HIGH SECURITY JAIL AS IT WAS INTENDED. I WOULD ALSO CUT
3 MISGUIDED PROGRAMS AND MAKE JAIL STAFFING AND SAFETY PROGRAMS
4 A HIGH BUDGET PRIORITY. THIS WOULD THEN ALLOW US TO BETTER
5 PROTECT NOT ONLY OUR PERSONNEL AND THE INMATES ENTRUSTED TO US
6 BUT WOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARD ENSURING THAT A JAIL SENTENCE
7 SHOULD NOT BE A DEATH SENTENCE. IN CLOSING, VERY BRIEFLY, IF
8 IT'S OKAY IN SPANISH, SUPERVISOR. (SPEAKING SPANISH).

9 (SPEAKING SPANISH). THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SAM, DO YOU WANT
12 TO GO FIRST OR-- DO YOU WANT TO-- WHO WANTS TO GO FIRST?

13

14 **ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
15 MY NAME IS ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ. I AM A CIVIL RIGHTS ATTORNEY AND
16 I'M ONE OF THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE PATRICIA REYES GAVIRA FAMILY
17 AND HER CHILDREN, THE SURVIVORS OF (SPANISH NAME) WHO DIED IN
18 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL ON JULY 11TH OF 2002. THE REASON
19 THIS MY CLIENTS CAME TO ME FROM THE BEGINNING WAS BECAUSE
20 THEIR FATHER, THEIR HUSBAND, HAD DIED AFTER SUFFERING NUMEROUS
21 INJURIES DUE TO BLUNT FORCE INSTRUMENTS, INCLUDING SIX BROKEN
22 RIBS, A BROKEN CLAVICLE, INTERNAL INTESTINAL BLEEDING, BRUISES
23 AND CONTUSIONS ALL OVER HIS BODY AND HEAD. AT THE TIME WE CAME
24 TO YOU AFTER THE CORONER SAID THAT THIS WAS SUICIDE, ALTHOUGH
25 HE LEFT A CAVEAT SAYING THAT, IF HE HAD NEW EVIDENCE, HE MIGHT



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1 CHANGE HIS DIAGNOSIS. WE CAME TO YOU IN SEPTEMBER OF 2002, WE
2 FILED A CLAIM AT THE SAME TIME, WE SENT YOU A LETTER ASKING
3 THAT ALL EVIDENCE BE PREPARED AND WE CAME TO YOU BACK ON 2004
4 ON MARCH 18TH AND AT A HEARING HAS PRESENTED YOU WITH EVIDENCE
5 THAT THIS MAN HAD BEEN DENIED MEDICAL TREATMENT, HAD BEEN
6 SEVERELY BEAT, SEXUALLY AND PHYSICALLY TORTURED BY DEPUTIES
7 AND HAD BEEN, IN EFFECT, POSSIBLY MURDERED WITHIN THE COUNTY
8 JAIL IN A CELL TO WHOM NOBODY ELSE HAD ACCESS. AT THE TIME,
9 YOU ORDERED AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE MATTER. SOME OF YOU
10 EXPRESSED CONCERNS BECAUSE THIS HAD BEEN PRESENTED TO YOU AS A
11 RUN-OF-THE-MILL SUICIDE, IF THERE IS SUCH A THING, IN THE
12 COUNTY JAIL. YOU ORDERED AN INVESTIGATION. NONE WAS DONE. NONE
13 HAS BEEN DONE TO NOW. WHAT WE HAVE HAD IS STONEWALLING AND
14 COVERING UP BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND BY EVERY AGENCY
15 THAT HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH THIS CASE. I HAVE COPIES OF ALL
16 THOSE LETTERS BUT JUST LET ME TELL YOU THAT THE COVER-UP HAS
17 INVOLVED THE FILING OF FALSE REPORTS. WE HAVE DEPOSED DEPUTY
18 SHERIFFS, WE HAVE DEPOSED SOME MEMBERS OF LIEUTENANTS, ET
19 CETERA, WHO SUPPOSEDLY INVESTIGATED THIS CASE AND, IN EFFECT,
20 DEPUTIES HAD COME FORTH AND SAID THAT THEY DID NOT WRITE THE
21 REPORTS THAT WERE ATTRIBUTED TO THEM. THE PERSON WHO
22 SUPPOSEDLY CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION INTO THIS CASE SAID HE
23 NEVER CONDUCTED SUCH AN INVESTIGATION. AND A DEPUTY AGAINST
24 WHOM A COMPLAINT HAD BEEN FILED FOR BEATING AND TORTURING THIS
25 MAN SAID THAT SHE HAD NOT BEEN INTERVIEWED OR EVEN HAD A



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1 COMPLAINT AGAINST IT. AND, FINALLY, PLEASE, WE HAVE HAD A
2 LARGE NUMBERS OF ITEMS, IN THIS CASE, DESPITE OUR REQUESTS,
3 DESTROYED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING PARTS OF THE
4 SHEET WITH WHICH THIS MAN ALLEGEDLY HANGED HIMSELF, ALTHOUGH
5 WE HAVE PROOF NOW, WE HAVE VERY ABUNDANT-- WE HAVE ABUNDANT
6 PROOF THAT THIS MAN WAS STRANGLED AND-- POSSIBLY AND THEN MADE
7 LIKE A SUICIDE. SO SUCH THINGS IS ALL OF THE CONTENTS OF THE
8 CELL, HIS CLOTHES, THE TORN CLOTH STRIP APPARENTLY RIPPED FROM
9 THE DIRTY WHITE LINEN WITH WHICH HE TIED HIMSELF, THE KNOT WAS
10 NOT PRESERVED, IT WAS CUT UP, ALL OF HIS CLOTHING FROM INSIDE
11 THE JAIL, ALL OF THESE THINGS WERE DESTROYED BY DEPARTMENT
12 THAT IS BENT ON STONEWALLING AND HIDE THINGS FROM YOU. YOU
13 HAVE NOT BEEN TOLD THE TRUTH ABOUT THIS. WE'RE HERE TO ASK YOU
14 AGAIN TO ORDER A TRUE AND MEANINGFUL INVESTIGATION.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MR. RODRIGUEZ.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN I ASK A QUESTION, ANTONIO? ON THE-- YOU SAID
19 THAT YOU HAVE A REPORT OF THE INVESTIGATION THAT WAS DONE BY
20 THE DEPARTMENT?

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22 **ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ:** THERE'S A HOMICIDE REPORT ONLY THAT WAS
23 DONE BY THE DEPARTMENT.

24
25 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY, BUT NOT AN INVESTIGATION?



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2 **ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ:** NOT-- NOT OF THE DEATH, NOT OF THE
3 BEATINGS, NONE WAS DONE. WHAT WE HAVE BEEN PRESENTED WAS WITH
4 A REPORT WHICH ALLEGEDLY WAS DONE BY THE DEPARTMENT BUT THE
5 SUPERVISOR WHO ALLEGEDLY WROTE THIS REPORT DENIED HAVING
6 CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** HE DID THAT IN YOUR DEPOSITION?

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10 **ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ:** IN DEPOSITION AND THE DEPUTY AGAINST WHOM
11 THE COMPLAINTS WERE MADE TESTIFIED IN COURT-- I MEAN TESTIFIED
12 IN DEPOSITION, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE A REPORT THAT SAYS THAT SHE
13 WAS INTERVIEWED AND DENIED BEATING UP THIS MAN, SHE TESTIFIED
14 IN DEPOSITION THAT SHE HAD NEVER BEEN INTERVIEWED AND HAD NO
15 KNOWLEDGE OF ANY COMPLAINTS AGAINST HER.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE, ANTONIO, I KNOW THAT WE CAN ASK FOR A
18 REPORT OR ASK THEM TO INVESTIGATE THIS DEATH, WHICH IS ONE
19 ASPECT OF IT BUT WHAT YOU'RE RAISING IS THAT WE NEED TO
20 INVESTIGATE A POTENTIAL COVER-UP OF THE INVESTIGATION, IF, IN
21 FACT, THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE ALLEGING.

22

23 **ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ:** THAT'S WHAT I'M ALLEGING, THERE'S BEEN A
24 COVER-UP AND FALSE REPORTS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED. JUST AS AN
25 EXAMPLE, THE DEPUTY WHO SUPPOSEDLY FOUND THIS MAN HANGING,



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1 THERE WAS A REPORT INTRODUCED IN HIS NAME IN THAT SAME
2 ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION REPORT. WHEN WE DEPOSED HIM, WE
3 ASKED THEM ABOUT THE CONTENTS OF THE REPORT AND HE SAID, "I
4 HAVE NEVER SEEN THAT REPORT, I DID NOT WRITE THAT REPORT."

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** BUENOS DIAZ.

9

10 **(VOICE OF INTERPRETER):** GOOD AFTERNOON. GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK
11 YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK TO YOU TODAY. I AM THE WIDOW OF RAMON
12 GAVIRA CAMARILLO. MY HUSBAND WAS A GOOD PERSON. SOMEBODY-- I
13 DO NOT-- SOMEBODY BEAT HIM AND KILLED HIM IN JAIL AND I DO NOT
14 UNDERSTAND WHY. PLEASE, THE PEOPLE WHO DID THIS TO MY HUSBAND
15 HAVE TO BE INVESTIGATED. PLEASE DO SOMETHING.

16

17 **(VOICE OF INTERPRETER):** THIS IS JOSE, HE IS ONE OF GAVIRA'S
18 TWIN SONS.

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20 **JOSE GAVIRA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS JOSE GAVIRA.
21 (SPEAKS SPANISH) WE ARE HERE TODAY BECAUSE, FOUR YEARS AGO, MY
22 FATHER WAS BRUTALLY BEATEN IN JAIL, WE BELIEVE, AND WE THINK
23 THAT HE-- WHOEVER BEAT MY FATHER TO DEATH SHOULD BE PUNISHED
24 ...(VOICE WAVERING)... AND IT'S BEEN FOUR YEARS ALREADY AND NO
25 ONE HAS BEEN-- HAS BEEN IN JAIL FOR THIS. MY FATHER WAS A GOOD



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1 MAN, HE WAS A GOOD FATHER. MY FATHER WAS NOT A CRIMINAL. MY
2 FATHER WAS ARRESTED FOR TRAFFIC TICKETS. MY FATHER WAS NOT A
3 CRIMINAL. I DON'T THINK ANYONE, ANYONE THAT GOES TO JAIL
4 DESERVES TO BE BEATEN. PLEASE, WE NEED SOMEONE TO INVESTIGATE
5 THE POLICE, WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT REALLY HAPPENED. WE NEED
6 JUSTICE. MY FATHER DOESN'T DESERVE THAT, DIDN'T DESERVE THAT.
7 NO ONE DESERVES THAT. NO ONE THAT GOES TO JAIL DESERVES TO BE
8 BEATEN, LIKE I ALREADY SAID.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. SONYA MERCADO.

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12 **SONYA MERCADO:** YES, MY NAME IS SONYA MERCADO, I AM ONE OF THE
13 CO-COUNSELS FOR THE PLAINTIFFS IN THIS CASE. MY CLIENTS
14 OBVIOUSLY HAVE AN ONGOING CASE BUT THAT IS NOT WHY I'M HERE. I
15 AM HERE BECAUSE, IN THE COURSE OF THIS LITIGATION, VERY
16 DISTURBING FACTS HAVE COME TO OUR ATTENTION. I'M AN OLD
17 LITIGATOR, I'VE NEVER COME TO A PUBLIC MEETING IN MY LIFE BUT,
18 AS I GO DOWN IN MY PROFESSION, I FELT COMPELLED TO COME TO YOU
19 TODAY BECAUSE OF A CALLING THAT ALL OF US HAVE THAT WE SHOULD
20 INVESTIGATE JAILS. FIRST, TITLE 15 IS ENTITLED THE CRIME
21 PREVENTION ACT. TITLE 15 IS A STATUTE IN THE STATE OF
22 CALIFORNIA WHICH MANDATES THAT THERE BE A DEATH REVIEW OF
23 EVERY SINGLE DEATH THAT OCCURS IN JAIL. TITLE 15 ALSO MANDATES
24 THAT, WHENEVER SOMEBODY DIES IN CUSTODY, THERE HAS TO BE AN
25 AUTOPSY, THERE HAVE TO BE PROCEDURES THAT HAVE TO BE FOLLOWED.



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1 THIS IS THE LAW. TITLE 15 ALSO MANDATES THAT THERE BE REPORTS
2 TO THE STATE WHEN SOMEBODY DIES IN CUSTODY. THE MURDER OF MR.
3 GAVIRA, AND LET'S ASSUME FOR A MINUTE THAT, AS DEFENDANTS HAVE
4 FLIPPANTLY POINTED OUT TO THIS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
5 THAT MR. GAVIRA COMMITTED SUICIDE, HE WAS BRUTALLY BEATEN.
6 THERE WAS AN EXCUSE THAT THE SIX BROKEN RIBS ON THE LATERAL
7 SIDE RIGHT UNDER HIS ARMS WERE DUE TO C.P.R. C.P.R. IS DONE, I
8 THINK ANY LAYMAN PERSON KNOWS, IN THE FRONT OF YOUR HEART, NOT
9 ON THE SIDE OF YOUR BODY BUT NO EXPLANATION FOR THE BROKEN
10 CLAVICLE, NO EXPLANATION FOR THE BEATING. LITERALLY, AS YOUR
11 CORONER SAID IN HIS DEPOSITION, MR. GAVIRA WAS BEATEN FROM TOP
12 OF THE HEAD ON TWO DIFFERENT CONTUSIONS TO THE VERY BOTTOM,
13 HIS TOES AND UNDER HIS FEET. I BEG YOU TO LOOK AT THE PHOTOS
14 OF HIS AUTOPSY BECAUSE PHOTOS TELL A STORY. THE BODY SPEAKS.
15 THE BODY SPEAKS TO SOMEBODY HIDING. WHY THIS WAS NOT
16 INVESTIGATED? IT DOESN'T TAKE ANYONE WHO KNOWS HOMICIDE TO
17 KNOW THAT, WHEN YOU HAVE A BODY LIKE THIS, YOU MUST DO A
18 DIFFERENTIAL INVESTIGATION TO MAKE SURE IT WASN'T A HOMICIDE
19 AND, AS FLABBERGASTING AND SHOCKING AS IT IS, NO HOMICIDE
20 INVESTIGATION WAS DONE INTO THIS BEATING. SO, EVEN IF YOU
21 ACCEPT THEIR COMMENT THAT HE COMMITTED SUICIDE, THIS POOR MAN
22 MUST HAVE ONLY DONE THAT AFTER BEING SO TRAUMATIZED, BEATEN TO
23 A PULP. THIS IS LOS ANGELES. THIS IS AMERICA. WE HAVE A
24 CONSTITUTION. WE'RE NOT IN PERU, WE'RE NOT IN OTHER COUNTRIES
25 WHERE PEOPLE GET AWAY WITH THIS. I REQUESTED, IN A DOCUMENT,



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1 ALL OF THIS FORENSIC EVIDENCE FROM MR. GAVIRA AND, TO EVERY
2 REQUEST, THE ANSWER WAS, "DEFENDANT IS UNABLE TO COMPLY
3 BECAUSE THIS REQUEST AS THIS ITEM HAS BEEN DISCARDED."
4 HOMICIDE, WHOEVER, I DON'T KNOW, DISCARDED ALL THE
5 INFORMATION. MY CLIENTS WILL GET TO HAVE THEIR DAY IN COURT
6 BUT I, AS A CITIZEN, AS A TAXPAYER OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY WANT
7 TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PEOPLE THAT WE PAY, THEY GET A SALARY,
8 THAT THEY ACTUALLY COMPLY WITH THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND
9 DUTIES. I APPROACHED MR. GINAKO FROM THE OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT
10 REVIEW WHEN THIS OCCURRED BECAUSE THIS WAS AN ATROCITY THAT
11 HAD OCCURRED UNDER OUR VERY NOSE AND I ASKED HIM, PLEASE
12 INVESTIGATE THIS CASE. I TOLD HIM, AT A GARDEN PARTY FOR THE
13 A.C.L.U., ALL OF THE INJURIES THIS MAN HAD. LADIES AND
14 GENTLEMEN, NO INVESTIGATION EVER BY THE OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT
15 REVIEW? THUS, I WAS COMPELLED TO FIND OUT WHO REALLY HAD DONE
16 THIS TO MR. GAVIRA BECAUSE, AS A LAWYER, THAT'S MY JOB. AS
17 YOUR CITIZEN AND AS A LAWYER IN YOUR COMMUNITY, IT'S A SERVICE
18 TO YOU THAT I DO AS WELL. I FEEL PARTICULARLY COMPELLED TO LET
19 THIS BOARD KNOW THAT YOU HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN THE TRUTH IN THIS
20 CASE. I REQUESTED SOME INFORMATION FROM MR. GINAKO AND THE
21 RESPONSES WERE MOTIONS TO QUASH THAT I COULD NOT ASK HIM FOR
22 THAT INFORMATION. MR. GINAKO HAS STATED, IN NUMEROUS CASES
23 NOW, IN THE DISTRICT COURT, IN THE FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT, IN
24 THE STATE DISTRICT COURT, THAT HE IS AND I WILL QUOTE TO YOU
25 WHAT HE SAYS HE IS, "MR. GINAKO IS THE CHIEF ATTORNEY FOR THE



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1 OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW AND HE CONTRACTS WITH THE
2 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE LEGAL COUNSEL
3 TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT." AS MY CLIENT'S LAWYER, MY DUTY
4 IS TO PROTECT THEIR INTERESTS. MR. GINAKO, AS THE LAWYER FOR
5 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, HAS A DUTY TO PROTECT THE SHERIFF'S
6 DEPARTMENT'S INTERESTS AND SO I DON'T ASK HIM TO HAVE A
7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST. HE CANNOT INVESTIGATE THIS CASE BECAUSE
8 HIS JOB, AS HE PUTS IN ALL THESE PAPERS AND I WANT TO HAND ALL
9 OF THESE PAPERS TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, IN FEDERAL
10 COURT, IN STATE COURT, HE HAS SAID, UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY,
11 THAT HIS JOB IS TO DEFEND AND REPRESENT THE SHERIFF AND HIS
12 JOB IS, QUOTE, "ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE WITH THE SHERIFF'S
13 DEPARTMENT." I WILL HONOR THAT, AS I EXPECT EVERYONE TO HONOR
14 MY RESPONSIBILITIES TO MY CLIENT. THUS, YOU WOULD NOT ASK ME
15 TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF MY CLIENTS AND VIOLATE THE PRIVILEGE MY
16 CLIENTS HAVE WITH ME. I WILL NOT ASK MR. GINAKO TO VIOLATE THE
17 ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE ALL OF THESE LEGAL DOCUMENTS SAY
18 THAT HE HAS WITH THE SHERIFF. THE SHERIFF SAYS THAT HE ONLY
19 REVIEWS INVESTIGATIONS AFTER THEY'RE DONE. IF THAT'S HIS JOB,
20 I SUBMIT TO YOU HUMBLY, PLEASE HIRE AN INDEPENDENT MONITOR TO
21 LOOK INTO WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE JAIL. I SUBMIT TO YOU THAT
22 WHAT WE DID WAS NOT ABOUT LOTS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, IT'S
23 NOT ABOUT MONEY TO INVESTIGATE. THE INVESTIGATORS WERE THERE,
24 THE DEPUTIES WERE THERE, THE INMATES WERE THERE. ALL IT WAS
25 ABOUT WAS SOMEBODY DOING THEIR JOB AND NOT HIDING THE BALL. IT



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1 TOOK US FOUR YEARS TO GET THIS INFORMATION. WE SUBMIT IT TO
2 YOU. PLEASE USE IT TO AVOID THESE KINDS OF DEATHS. IN 2002, IF
3 THIS DEATH HAD BEEN INVESTIGATED AND IF YOU, AS OUR BOARD AND
4 OUR REPRESENTATIVES, YOU'RE OUR LAST HOPE FOR JUSTICE, NOT FOR
5 THIS FAMILY, BUT FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY. IT'S NOT ABOUT A
6 BUDGET THAT THEY NEED IN ORDER TO INVESTIGATE. THEY WERE ALL
7 THERE.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY.

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11 **SONYA MERCADO:** THEY NEED TO DO THEIR JOBS.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. PATRICIA GARCIA AND SAMUEL
14 PAZ.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MIKE, CAN I JUST-- HAS THIS CASE, MR.
17 FORTNER? HAS THIS CASE EVER-- HAS THE BOARD EVER BEEN BRIEFED
18 ON THIS CASE DIRECTLY?

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO.

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22 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** MR. MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
23 I'M NOT CERTAIN. NOT CERTAINLY SINCE I'VE BEEN APPOINTED BUT
24 IT HAS BEEN ONGOING AND IT'S IN MEDIATION AT THIS POINT.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WOULD IT BE APPROPRIATE FOR US TO GET A
2 BRIEFING ON THIS IN CLOSED SESSION AT SOME POINT SOON?

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4 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** YES.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IN, LIKE, THE NEXT COUPLE WEEKS?

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHEN ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ CAME THE LAST TIME, I
9 MEAN, I DID NOT KNOW AND I STILL DO NOT KNOW THAT, UNDER THIS
10 TITLE 15, THERE'S A MANDATE FOR US TO DO A DEATH REVIEW? DO
11 YOU KNOW IF THAT'S THE CASE?

12

13 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** AS A GENERAL MATTER, SUPERVISOR, I'M
14 NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE SPECIFICS.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU THINK THAT HAS NOT BEEN DONE?

17

18 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** I HAVE NO INFORMATION THAT WOULD
19 SUGGEST THAT WE HAVE NOT COMPLIED OR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
20 HAS NOT COMPLIED.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THOSE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT I WANT TO
23 HAVE REPORTED ON.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE REASON I'M SAYING IS THAT I DON'T WANT TO BE-
2 - I'M NOT INTERESTED IN HELPING IN NECESSARILY THEIR CLAIM
3 AGAINST US BECAUSE I KNOW WE'RE THE DEFENDANTS ON THIS BUT I
4 AM INTERESTED IN WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT IS, IN FACT,
5 DESTROYING RECORDS WHEN THERE IS GOING TO BE A CLAIM. THOSE
6 ARE ALL VIOLATIONS BUT, IF THERE ARE THESE THINGS, BECAUSE
7 LAST TIME WE WERE TOLD THAT THERE WAS NOT GOING TO BE A
8 REPORT. WE ASKED THIS OF THE SHERIFF AND THEY TOLD US THAT IT
9 IS A-- IT WAS A SUICIDE, SO, CONSEQUENTLY, THERE WOULD BE NO
10 REPORT. BUT IS THAT TRUE THAT, UNDER THIS TITLE 15, NO MATTER
11 WHAT THE DEATH IS, THERE'S ALWAYS A REPORT THAT'S DONE?

12

13 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** I AM NOT FAMILIAR ENOUGH WITH THE
14 SPECIFICS TO ADVISE YOU, PARTICULARLY IN CONNECTION WITH THE
15 STATEMENTS MADE TODAY BUT, IN CLOSED SESSION, WE CAN CERTAINLY
16 COVER THESE ISSUES AND...

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** I'M BETTING MR. GENAKO'S REASON FOR NOT PROCEEDING
19 AS WELL, TOO.

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21 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** WE'LL LOOK INTO THAT. I WAS UNDER THE
22 IMPRESSION THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOMETHING JUST FROM THE
23 COMMENTS IN THE NEWSPAPER...

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, THERE MAY BE IN THE NEWSPAPER BUT WE'RE ONLY
2 HEARING ONE SIDE OF THE STORY.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT KEEP IN MIND THAT GINAKO FOLLOWS, IT'S MY
5 UNDERSTANDING, INCIDENTS THAT OCCUR. SO IT WOULD HAVE HAD TO
6 HAVE BEEN REPORTED AS AN INCIDENT. IF IT'S REPORTED AS A
7 SUICIDE, THERE IS NO INCIDENT. SO I WANT TO BE-- I WANT TO
8 UNDERSTAND THAT THAT'S WHAT IT WOULD SEEM TO ME. NOW, IF THE
9 SHERIFFS REPORT IT AS A SUICIDE AND SO ON AND IT'S NOT-- I
10 MEAN, I TAKE IT THERE'S SOME INVESTIGATION BUT USUALLY HE
11 INVESTIGATES AFTER THERE'S AN INCIDENT. ISN'T THAT CORRECT?

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, YEAH [INAUDIBLE] GINAKO DOES IT ON HIS OWN.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE CORONER...

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL INCIDENTS.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** ONLY IF THERE'S AN INCIDENT.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** PARTICULARLY IF SOMEONE RAISES THE QUESTION OF
22 WHETHER THERE'S BEEN IMPROPRIETY IN THE TREATMENT OF THE
23 PRISONER, HE INVESTIGATES ORDINARILY. YOU KNOW, WE GET A BIG
24 STACK AND SOME OF THOSE ARE MATTERS OF WHETHER OR NOT THERE'S
25 BEEN AN INCIDENT. HE DOES NOT JUST LOOK AT MAJOR INCIDENTS, HE



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1 LOOKS AT VERY SMALL INCIDENTS AND ANY KIND OF QUESTION OF
2 WHETHER THERE WAS MISBEHAVIOR BY A SHERIFF'S DEPUTY.

3

4 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** I BELIEVE THAT'S CORRECT, WHENEVER A
5 COMPLAINT HAS BEEN LODGED...

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** AND I THOUGHT HE REPORTED TO US...

8

9 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** ...AGAINST A DEPUTY, WHETHER IT'S...

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** DOES HE, IN FACT, REPORT TO THE SHERIFF OR DOES
12 HE-- I THOUGHT HE REPORTED DIRECTLY TO US?

13

14 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** HE IS UNDER AN ATTORNEY/CLIENT
15 PRIVILEGE WITH YOUR BOARD.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** WITH OUR BOARD, YES. AND SO I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO
18 SEE THAT STATEMENT THAT HE MADE BECAUSE BASICALLY, RIGHT, HIS
19 RELATIONSHIP AND HIS REPORT IS DIRECTLY TO US.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE HAVE A EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM
22 THAT'S...

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** DID YOU GIVE US THE INFORMATION? I DIDN'T GET IT.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** I DIDN'T GET IT, EITHER.

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA:** DID YOU GIVE US SOMETHING?

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** OH, SHE'S GETTING IT PUT TOGETHER.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
8 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
9 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-1, CONFERENCE
10 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION AND ITEM A-4,
11 CONSULTATION WITH SHERIFF LEROY D. BACA, DISTRICT ATTORNEY
12 STEVE COOLEY OR THEIR DESIGNEES AND RELATED EMERGENCY
13 SERVICES, REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING POTENTIAL THREATS TO
14 PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE
15 SECTION 54957, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. FOR THE
16 RECORD, SUPERVISORS, THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD IS
17 SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7TH, 2006, INSTEAD OF TUESDAY,
18 DUE TO THE ELECTIONS.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT TIME?

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** 9:30.

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 9:30.

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